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Jonathan Pollard engaged

TORONTO — Elaine Zeitz, the Toronto-based spokeswoman for Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, Canada, and Pollard, the former United States Navy analyst imprioned for spying for Israel, are engaged and plan to marry when he is released from prison.

Following a Nov. 6 report in the Israeli daily *Yediot Acharonot*, Zeitz confirmed in a later interview with *Ma'ariv* that she and Pollard have been engaged for three years.

In an article subtitled The Triumph of Love Over Adversity, Zeitz stressed that Pollard's continued imprisonment [despite significant lobbying] is "the only relevant issue."

Zeitz, an ex-Montrealer, said she and Pollard plan to make aliyah.

Rabin urges GA to back accord

By RON CSILLAG and DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Referring to it tongue-in-cheek as the "North American Federation Tachlis Assembly," a play on the NAFTA accord, newly-elected Council of Jewish Federations president Maynard Wishner closed last week's 62nd General Assembly (GA) amid renewed hopes and new concerns for the Jewish people.

More than 3,000 tired lay and professional leaders from across North and South America, Europe, Israel and South Africa returned to their communities after listening to hundreds of speakers cover the full array of Jewish concerns.

While delegates to the jam-packed five-day parley addressed mainstay issues like the role of women, Jewish identity, youth retention, oppressed Jewry and new fund-raising methods, Wishner said the GA was intended to focus on three tracks: the financial — including how to expand the dollar base for United Jewish Appeal and other charitable endeavors — Israel-Diaspora relations and an issue that has come into relatively recent prominence, Jewish continuity.

These were large themes, difficult and thorny, but they were balanced by a pervasive sense of optimism emanating from the nascent peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Capitalizing on the generally cautious but hopeful sentiments on the peace accord was the GA's keynote speaker, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who received a standing ovation after going straight for the audience's gut.

Rabin dropped no bombshells but he delivered a forceful address highlighted by a two-pronged appeal for support of the peace process and a new "partnership" between Israel and the Diaspora.

In his first speech to a North American Jewish audience since the Sept. 13 accord, Rabin strongly urged American and Canadian Jewry to support the recent progress in the peace process.

But in keeping with a theme that surfaced on several occasions during the GA, he also said a "new agenda" between Israel and the Diaspora has to be struck as the potential for a new era of peace and prosperity in the Middle East emerges, in the context of sweeping changes around the world.

"The great revolution in Moscow and in Berlin, in Kiev and Johannesburg, in Bucharest and Tirana, is reaching Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Beersheva and Tiberias," he said.

"We are undergoing a revolution of peace."

Rabin, looking tired after a full day of hectic activity in Montreal, repeated a line oft-delivered by Israeli leaders since the accord.

"One does not make peace with one's friends. One makes peace with one's enemies." He said Israel "yearns for peace."

But he also acknowledged that accepting the PLO has been very difficult, the equivalent for many of "grinding your teeth."

It was so even for Rabin: shaking PLO chief Yasser Arafat's hand, a hand that "held the knife, that held the gun ... it was not the hand that I wanted or dreamed of touching."

Rabin's remark was made even more poignant — and there was nary a dry eye in the house — in light of his reference to Semadar Haran, whose husband and daughter were killed in a terrorist attack a few years ago at their home in Nahariya. Haran's other daughter was smothered to death after her mother covered the child's mouth to muffle her cries as the two hid in the attic of the house.

Rabin had asked Haran to accompany him to Washington for the peace treaty signing. "I knew that for her, what I was asking was as difficult as parting the Red Sea. She would be sitting at the ceremony just metres away from the man who had given the orders to her family's murderers."

Haran initially agreed to come, Rabin stated, and she even came to Ben-Gurion airport. But at the last moment, "her memories flooded and overwhelmed her," and she declined.

" 'I wouldn't be able to bear it,' " Rabin quoted her as saying. " 'I can't shake his hand. But you, the prime minister, you are my messenger. I ask you to shake his hand, on my behalf also.' "

"She said that she would support us publicly in every way she knew, that she would dream peace and scream peace. But she didn't come with us."

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Israeli Prime Minster Yitzhak Rabin talks with reporters while Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien looks on following their meeting at the Prime Minister's residence in Ottawa last Wednesday. See story page 4. [CP photo].

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Au cours de son passage à Montréal

Rabin rend hommage à Hassan II

ELIAS LEVY

MONTREAL — Le premier ministre de l'Etat d'Israël, M. Yitzhak Rabin, a rendu un vibrant hommage au roi Hassan II du Maroc au cours de la période de questions qui a suivi la brève allocution qu'il a prononcée dans le cadre de la conférence de presse -exclusivement réservée aux représentants de médias juifs nord-américains- qui a eu lieu lors de la 62ème Assemblée Générale du Conseil des Fédérations Juives. Cet important rassemblement du judaïsme nord-américain s'est déroulé à Montréal du 16 au 21 novembre derniers.

"Le roi Hassan II, rappela M. Rabin au cours de ce meeting avec la presse, a toujours oeuvré vigoureusement en faveur d'un rapprochement entre Israël et le monde arabe. Modéré, pragmatique et visionnaire, le monarque marocain a été l'un des principaux instigateurs de l'accord de paix historique qu'Israël a signé en mars 1979 avec l'Egypte. En effet, les deux rencontres secrètes entre le général Moshé Dayan et l'émissaire du président Sadate, Hassan Touhami, ont eu lieu au palais royal de Rabat sous les auspices du roi Hassan II. Ces rencontres fort déterminantes ont été le prélude à une série de tractations qui devaient aboutir, en novembre 1977, au voyage historique d'Anouar al-Sadate à Jérusalem".

Selon le premier ministre israélien, le monarque alaouite a toujours joué "un rôle discret mais de premier plan" dans les nombreuses tentatives de rapprochement israélo-arabe. C'est fort probablement l'une des raisons qui justifient le voyage éclair et tout à fait inopiné que M. Rabin et son ministre des Affaires étrangères, M. Shimon Péres, ont effectué le 14 septembre dernier au Maroc, au lendemain de la signature, sur les pelouses de la Maison Blanche, de la déclaration de principes scellée entre le gouvernement de Jérusalem et l'OLP.

Venus aussi bien remercier Hassan II pour ses efforts en faveur de la paix au Proche-Orient que pour lui "demander conseil" quant aux moyens susceptibles de renforcer les relations entre Israël et les pays arabes, ces deux figures de proue de la gauche israélienne n'hésitèrent pas à qualifier d'"exceptionnel" et d'"historique" leur séjour de vingt-quatre heures dans l'hospitalier royaume chérifien. Après avoir pris quelque repos dans la villa des hôtes étrangers, les deux visiteurs de marque furent accueillis officiellement et en grandes pompes, ayant eu droit au tapis rouge et à la garde royale, pendant une heure et demie, au palais de Skhirat, près de Rabat, par le souverain chérifien qui les a aussi conviés - insigne honneur- à visiter la majestueuse mosquée de Casablanca, inaugurée à la fin de l'été.

En octobre 1976, alors qu'il était premier ministre, M. Rabin s'était déjà entretenu secrètement une première fois avec Hassan II. Arborant des lunettes fumées et coiffé d'une abondante perruque, le leader israélien avait alors séjourné quarante-huit heures au Maroc. Le temps de visiter Fès et d'être reçu en catimini par Hassan II, avec lequel il avait parlé, notamment de la guerre qui faisait alors rage dans le Sahara.

Le premier ministre Rabin s'adressant aux médias juifs présents au G.A. [Photo: CJN]

Au cours de sa rencontre avec les médias juifs d'Amérique du Nord, M. Rabin insista aussi sur le fait que la "grande tolérance et le profond respect affichés par le monarque marocain à l'égard de la communauté juive résidant encore dans ce pays musulman constituent un exemple sans précédent qui n'a jamais eu son égal dans les autres contrées du monde arabe".

Le voyage-surprise qu'il a effectué dernièrement au Maroc avait-il pour finalité de préparer le terrain à une éventuelle, mais encore très hypothétique, instauration de relations diplomatiques entre Israël et le royaume chérifien? "Il est indéniable que l'officialisation de nos relations diplomatiques avec le Maroc n'est pas pour demain, rétorqua le chef de l'Etat hébreu. Nous sommes habitués à être patients. Ce qui importe c'est que nous avons toujours entretenu d'excellentes relations avec les autorités marocaines".

Il est vrai qu'officiellement, il n'y a toujours ni relations diplomatiques ni liens économiques entre les deux pays. Par contre, ce n'est plus un secret pour personne que, depuis le début des années 80, plusieurs milliers d'Israéliens originaires du Maroc visitent chaque année sans aucune contrainte leur pays natal. Par ailleurs, des experts agricoles israéliens oeuvrent actuellement à titre de conseillers ou techniciens dans les cénacles de l'agriculture marocaine... Koor Industries, le très puissant conglomérat industriel israélien, contrôlé par la Histadrout, la centrale syndicale travailliste, possède de nombreux intérêts déguisés dans le royaume chérifien. Après un voyage confidentiel, au mois d'avril dernier, son directeur général, Benny Gahon, aurait obtenu l'aval des autorités marocaines pour bâtir un petit complexe industriel, quelque part dans le sud du pays. Au début de l'année, une société agroalimentaire israélienne, Coop-Tzafon, a obtenu du ministère du commerce marocain l'autorisation d'importer du royaume chérifien un certain tonnage de marchandises. Au total, laisse-t-on entendre, le flux économique entre l'Etat juif et le Maroc se situerait aux alentours de 100 millions de dollars US par an (ces informations ont été publiées dans le quotidien français Le Monde, édition du 16 septembre 1993, pp. 1 et 4)... En juin dernier, le ministre israélien de l'environnement, M. Yossi Sarid, a été invité officiellement par les autorités gouvernementales marocaines à participer à un colloque régional sur les problèmes environnementaux méditerranéens qui s'est tenu à Casablanca.

Autres liens -humains ceux-là- entre les deux pays, l'un des plus proches conseillers personnels du roi Hassan II est un brillant technocrate juif marocain, M. André Azoulay, ancien P.D.G. du puissant groupe financier français Paribas et fondateur du Rassemblement Mondial du Judaïsme Marocain.

Le 11 novembre dernier, M. Serge Berdugo, président des Communautés Israélites du Maroc, a été nommé par le roi Hassan II ministre du Tourisme. C'est la deuxième fois dans l'histoire contemporaine du royaume alaouite qu'un citoyen marocain d'origine juive accède à des fonctions ministérielles. Le premier fut le Dr Léon Benzaquen, ministre des Postes au début des années 60.

M. Serge Berdugo devait participer à un panel-discussion consacré à l'avenir du Séphardisme, prévu au programme de la 62ème Assemblée Générale des Fédérations Juives. Sa nomination au poste de ministre du Tourisme l'a contraint à annuler sa participation au G.A. où il a été remplacé à la dernière minute par l'un de ses proches collaborateurs, M. Simon Lévy, secrétaire des Communautés Israélites du Maroc. Cependant, quelques minutes avant que M. Rabin ne prenne la parole devant les quelque 4 000 délégués présents à cet imposant rassemblement du judaïsme nord-américain, le président de l' American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, une institution philanthropique très active au Maroc, l'Ambassadeur Milton Wolf, félicita M. Berdugo pour sa nouvelle nomination et lut un message que cet homme d'affaires marocain voulait transmettre aux nombreux organisateurs et participants de ce G.A.

Par le biais de cette missive très élogieuse à l'égard du Maroc et de son monarque, le nouveau ministre du Tourisme du royaume chérifien voulait sensibiliser le leadership de l'influent judaïsme nord-américain à "la grande vivacité inaltérable du judaïsme marocain qui a su transmettre, au fil des siècles, de génération en génération, un prodigieux patrimoine culturel". "Le Maroc, affirme M. Berdugo dans son message, incarne un islam tolérant, un havre de coexistence religieuse et un pays merveilleux où le judaïsme s'est toujours épanoui. Lorsque sa Majesté le roi Hassan II a inauguré il y a quelques mois la nouvelle mosquée de Casablanca qui porte son nom, trois grands rabbins ont assisté à cette grande cérémonie solennelle, celui du Maroc, d'Espagne et l'ancien grand rabbin de France, le rav René-Samuel Sirat".

M. Berdugo insista aussi sur le fait que le roi du Maroc "un partisan acharné du dialogue israélo-arabe, a joué un rôle très important dans le processus de paix actuellement en cours. Il a été le premier chef d'Etat d'un pays arabe n'ayant pas de relations diplomatiques avec l'Etat d'Israël à accueillir officiellement un premier ministre de l'Etat hébreu". En guise de conclusion, il lança une invitation officielle à tous les délégués présents à ce G.A. " afin qu'ils viennent très bientôt visiter le Maroc et découvrir de leurs propres yeux non seulement la beauté des paysages de ce pays accueillant mais aussi le grand esprit de tolérance qui a toujours régné dans cette contrée éprise de paix ".

An English version of this report will appear in an upcoming edition.

Resolution backs 'undivided Jerusalem'

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Jewish community of North America is "unalterably committed to an undivided Jerusalem as the eternal capital" of Israel, delegates to the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) General Assembly resolved.

The Assembly urged the Clinton administration to assume "full partnership" in the peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab parties.

"No agreement between Israel and the Arab parties has ever been achieved without U.S. involvement...The U.S., while not seeking to impose solutions, can play a critically important role in helping the parties to work creatively toward resolution of the issues that now divide them."

The Assembly put on record its strong support for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's peace initiative, but admitted it was doing so with a mixture of "great hope and apprehension."

Calling the Sept. 13 Declaration of Principles and PLO-Israel mutual recognition accord "a dramatic breakthrough," the Assembly said it is hopeful the international community, led by the United States, will continue to assist the parties in reaching peaceful co-existence. It applauded the 43 nations which have agreed to contribute $2 billion for the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza.

The Assembly stated that it shares Israel's concerns that Syria has not yet shown itself to be ready to make peace, but did support the talks with Jordan.

The Assembly also resolved that the North American Jewish community should take a greater role in stimulating Israel's economy, not only through philanthropy, but through private investment.

The Assembly called on the United States to put more pressure on Saudi Arabia to drop its economic boycott of U.S. companies that have commercial ties with Israel. "This blatant discrimination against U.S. business in the wake of our defence of Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Shield is incomprehensible and must be ended immediately."

On another front, the Assembly resolved that Russia and the other 14 newly independent states of the former Soviet Union [now frequently referred to as the N.I.S.] should take strong measures against anti-Semitism, at both the street level and in the media, and comply more fully with the right of free emigration.

"Jews...who have applied to emigrate continue to face inordinate delays at the emigration (OVIR) offices, with many reporting that they have had to pay substantial sums, including bribes, at every step of the emigration process."

The "poor relatives" law, as well as refusal for alleged knowledge of secrets from previous employment, continue to restrict emigration, the Assembly stated.

At the same time, the resolution supports U.S. economic aid to Russia and the other states.

A separate resolution expressed the CJF's commitment to helping resettle Jews from the former Soviet Union in the United States or Canada, if that is where they want to immigrate. In the United States, the CJF will continue to lobby for maintenance of the present refugee admissions level. The United States now accepts at least 120,000 refugees worldwide per year, of which 40,000 slots are designated for Jews from the former Soviet Union.

The Assembly also decided the 1994 dues of each member federation, according to a formula based on Jewish population and campaign income. Toronto's dues were set at $221,455, and Montreal's at $201,000.

Outgoing CJF president Charles Goodman of Chicago identified several major issues facing the federations. They include: Jewish "continuity," that is, ensuring that North American Jews have a strong sense of Jewish identity; on-campus services to college students and encouragement of young leadership; further "refining" of the Jewish Agency for Israel, the body through which the Diaspora deals with the State of Israel; and "redefining" the Israel-Diaspora relationship in order that it "be relevant to the current times."

"Israel and Diaspora Jewry need each other. Peace and prosperity provide opportunities for creative connections. We must work together to better understand each other, and to define our agendas to be supportive of each other in our joint pursuit to ensure a strong Jewish world."

Goodman stressed that the federations must work as a unit, addressing these issues collectively.

His successor, Maynard Wishner, echoed this outlook. "The federation movement acting together is greater than the sum of its parts. There are many things on the Jewish communal agenda which we need to address together."

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Canadian Jewry growing despite intermarriage rates

By JANICE ARNOLD

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MONTREAL — There was good news in a demographic study of Canadian Jewry released at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). The study was based on the 1991 census.

The Jewish population of Canada grew by 14 per cent in the past decade, despite an increase in the intermarriage rate. Canada now has the fifth largest Jewish community in the world, after the United States, Israel, France and Russia. It was seventh 10 years earlier.

Immigration appears to be the main explanation for the growth; more than 30,000 Jews immigrated to Canada in the past 10 years, the study says. Close to 9 per cent of the 356,315 Jews in Canada immigrated within the previous 10 years, and 15 per cent in the past 20 years. Almost half of them were born in either the Soviet Union or Israel.

The Jewish birthrate is also on the rise. In 1991, one in five Canadian Jews were between the ages of 0 and 14 years, an increase of 2.6 per cent in 10 years.

Although the study is preliminary and based on a sample of 20 per cent of Jewish census respondents, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella described the findings as explosive enough to "blow your socks off."

One surprising finding is the study's placing the total number of Jews in Montreal at 101,210, significantly higher than the figures which categorized Jews according to ethnicity or religion released earlier this year. According to these statistics, Montreal Jews total 96,710 by religion; by ethnicity, 95,825.

The study was conducted by the McGill University Consortium for Ethnicity and Strategic Planning and Statistics Canada, with support from CJF Canada. The principal authors are McGill social work professor Jim Torczyner and Gustave Goldmann, a senior researcher at Statistics Canada.

In calculating who is Jewish, the authors have combined three categories of respondents, i.e., those who identify themselves as Jewish "by religion," "by ethnic origin" and "by ethnic origin with no religion." Thus, their total is different from the separate census religion and ethnic origin numbers.

Using their definition, the Jewish population of Montreal has dropped by only 2 per cent since 1981, far less than community planners and other observers have thought.

The McGill study does not include those who said they were ethnically Jewish but had a religion other than Jewish. If these people were factored in, the Canadian Jewish population would be an astonishingly high 405,000.

The ethnicity question allowed respondents to claim as many as four ethnic origins, and the study does include those who cited Jewish as one.

Largest percentage of elderly

Montreal, Winnipeg and Windsor were the only cities of the 11 in the study to suffer a net loss of Jews during the decade. These three also have the communities with the largest percentages of elderly. Even Halifax grew, remarkable given the perception of Atlantic Jewry as stagnant.

Overall, Jews have a higher average age than Canadians as a whole: 17.3 per cent vs. 10.8 per cent were 65 or more.

Nationally, 13 per cent (46,000) of all Jews — including children — live in intermarried families, defined as those in which one parent is not Jewish. That's 33 per cent more than 10 years earlier. (The data do not distinguish between born Jews and converts.)

But the rates vary widely between communities. Montreal had the lowest rate of Jews in intermarried households at 6.8 per cent, and Vancouver the highest at 24.5 per cent.

Three-quarters of all Jews live in traditional husband-wife families, but the percentage of single-parent families is increasing. Ten per cent of Jewish children live in single-parent homes, which account for 8.5 per cent of the Jewish population.

A higher percentage of Jews lived alone in 1991 than in Canada generally (14.2 per cent as compared to 12.3 per cent).

Jews are highly educated. Half of all Jews age 15 and over and living in families were either in university or had completed at least a BA degree. (The researchers do not yet have data on persons who live alone.)

The corresponding Canadian figure is 20 per cent. Sixteen per cent of Jews have post-graduate degrees.

Jews were three times more likely than Canadians as a whole to be engaged in the professions of medicine, law and accounting, and twice as likely to be managers and administrators. Only 13 per cent of Jews were engaged in manual labor. They were also disproportionately represented in "human services" and sales.

Jewish women, despite their high level of education (the rate is somewhat lower than that of Jewish men, but higher than that for Canadian women as a whole), were found to be under-represented in the professions.

Despite their education and work in the professions, Jewish poverty in Canada is comparable to the general Canadian rate. Close to 16 per cent of Jews live below or on the margin of the poverty line, compared to almost 19 per cent of Canadians.

Those who are elderly, women and/or living alone are most likely to be poor. Montreal has the highest proportion of Jewish poor (20 per cent), followed by Calgary and Vancouver.

The study does not, however, provide information on the overall income level of Jews, although the researchers hope to release that "in the very near future."

Canada can expect to continue to receive a large number of Jewish immigrants, said Sergio DeLaPergola, a Hebrew University demographer, and will likely pass Russia to become the fourth largest community in the world.

However, he is doubtful that all of those accepted as Jews for the purposes of this study are Jewish in any meaningful way, because of the latitude of multiple-choice responses to the census' ethnicity question.

Over the next two years, the McGill Consortium plans to publish in-depth studies of the 11 communities and more detailed national data.

1993 MESORAH AWARD

Andrea and Charles Bronfman (right) were named winners at last week's General Assembly of the 1993 Mesorah Award for Jewish Educational Leadership. The award is given by the Jewish Educational Service of North America (JESNA) to lay leaders who advance Jewish education. Looking on is past winner Mandell Berman. [Howard Kay photo]

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Terror won't stop peace: Rabin

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — The Israeli government will not allow the peace process to be derailed by Arab factions who are opposed to it, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said during his recent visit to Ottawa.

"We are determined to fight terrorism with all the force and within the limits of our laws," Rabin told guests at a luncheon at the department of External Affairs, "but at the same time, not let [it] undermine the hope for peace. And therefore we continue the negotiations with the Palestinians as they are continued today in Cairo, and will be continued next week in Cairo, and wherever we'll find it necessary."

Rabin made his comments hours after he had learned about another in a string of murders that have occurred in the terrorism in recent weeks. An Israel soldier in Gaza was stabbed to death by an Arab while standing at a kiosk. Two weeks ago attacks against Israelis touched off violent demonstrations and blockades by Israeli settlers.

Rabin, the first official guest of the new Liberal government, arrived in Ottawa after meetings with President Bill Clinton in Washington. After a day in Ottawa, he left for Montreal.

Met with Chrétien

Rabin said his government believes in the peace process and that it is the only alternative to the high cost of wars.

"I've seen wars, I've seen victories, I've seen setbacks," said Rabin, "but I've seen above all the painful results of wars. Therefore we seek peace that will give us security. Peace that will not give us security has no meaning to us. And we will achieve it."

While in Ottawa, Rabin met with Prime Minister Jean Chretien, as well as Premier Bob Rae, Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet and Defence Minister David Collenette.

Ouellet confirmed Canada's commitment to contribute $55 million over five years to support housing, water projects and relocation of refugees in Gaza and the West Bank.

Chretien said he and Rabin discussed the peace plan as well as improvements in the economic ties between Canada and Israel.

"We consider the trade between Israel and Canada, in view of the good relations between the two countries, is not at the level it should be," said Chretien.

However he did not announce any specific plans for increased trade or joint economic projects.

Canada to advocate for Syrian Jews

By RON CSILLAG

MONTREAL — Canada's new Liberal government has already pledged to advocate for Syrian Jewry, the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly (GA) heard last week.

Judy Feld Carr, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, told a session that Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet has committed Ottawa to keep up the pressure on Syrian authorities to allow free emigration of Jews.

Carr quoted a letter she received from Ouellet, which stated that "Canadian representations, on humanitarian grounds, will not cease as long as members of the Syrian Jewish community are prevented from travelling abroad."

Canada "was and remains committed to the principle of freedom of emigration," Ouellet wrote in the Nov. 15 letter, in which he stressed his "personal commitment to consult closely" with the task force.

Carr said the letter is an example of the extensive work Canada does on Syrian Jewry, work that is not fully acknowledged by many Americans.

There are currently some 1,350 Jews remaining in Syria, 1,100 of them in Damascus, 150 in Aleppo and 100 in Qumishli, the forum on Syrian Jewry advocacy was told.

In April 1992, Syrian leader Hafez Assad, following pressure from the United States, relaxed travel restrictions on Jews. In the ensuing months, nearly 3,000 left on travel visas, leaving homes, businesses and most possessions behind.

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The major problem today, Carr explained, is that Jews no longer have the security of larger numbers. Because the community is so thinned out, there is only one shochet and one mohel for a very observant population. There are no secondary Jewish schools in the country, no Jewish schools at all in Aleppo and five synagogues in Damascus have closed.

And because those leaving arrive in the United States as visitors, they are denied refugee status and the social safety net that brings.

Instead, they have to rely on the 30,000 to 35,000-strong Syrian Jewish emigre community in Brooklyn, which is strained to the limits, Carr said.

She gave two examples of Canadian contributions to the Syrian Jewry movement: special observances on Shabbat Zachor (the Shabbat before Purim) to remember the Syrian community began in 1975 at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, and are now held around the world; and the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands has raised money to buy books and religious supplies for the community and has channeled assistance to poor families.

Carr said Canada has played "a major role" in Syrian Jewish advocacy.

Gilbert Kahn, director of the New York-based Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, said the matter has received favorable treatment from both the Clinton and George Bush administrations.

Since Damascus stopped issuing exit visas, just 75 Jews have been allowed to leave, Kahn noted.

Kahn pledged that pressure will continue. It was only recently, he pointed out, that the Syrian Jewish community in New York joined the campaign.

Syrian Jews arrive as visitors and not refugees "because we're playing Syria's game. We don't want to play their game," said Abraham Bayer, director of international concerns for the U.S.-based National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

Bayer called on Diaspora Jews to keep up the pressure, particularly on getting the United States to recognize Syrian Jews as refugees.

He hoped that at next year's GA, "we can drink a l'chaim to the freedom of the entire community."

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'Real dialogue' with Israel urged

By DAVID LAZARUS

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MONTREAL — In one of the most important forums of last week's General Assembly (GA), Israeli deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin used the GA continuity theme in calling on delegates to adapt to a future of peace in the Middle East by questioning and criticizing the powers that be in Israel.

The issue of continuity, Beilin conceded to a room full of delegates, is "much more delicate for secular Jews," such as himself, and for the majority of North American Jewish communal workers.

"But this dialogue [between the Diaspora and Israel] should be the widest possible," Beilin stated. "The dialogue has to be about what is happening to you and to us.

"Otherwise, it [continuity] is just a slogan."

Beilin was most critical of the approach he felt has dominated the Diaspora approach to Israel since its birth as a nation — "that we will applaud you in any case" [no matter what Israeli policies are].

Nothing is more ridiculous, he suggested, than Diaspora Jews giving knee-jerk support to Israel, especially when positions are obviously contradictory, ranging from the theoretical transfer of Arabs out of Israel to talking to Yasser Arafat.

"We will have to put an end to this," he said. "I'm telling you, it's your business."

Beilin added the biggest mistake that could be made at the moment would be to reject the view of the right, now that Labor is back in power. If Diaspora Jews automatically support the government of the day, "there won't be a real dialogue."

For genuine Jewish continuity to take place, it is essential to begin a process of new "investment" in Israel by reaching the younger generation of Jews, and to be in a continuing process of "re-examining and changing structures" as the peace process and a new agenda unfolds by the day.

Beilin, who was one of the first to argue for direct negotiations with the PLO, also furnished some frank insights into the background and future of the peace process.

The present position of the Labor government on Jewish settlements is clear and distinct from the previous government's, he said: "We believe that most should not have been established."

But at the same time, "we are responsible for every settler, wherever they are.

"They are not our enemies. They are our brothers and want the same thing as us: a Jewish state, and to live in security and in peace."

Beilin stressed, "the settlements will not determine the future boundaries of Israel."

Residents on certain portions of the West Bank will retain the right to stay under Palestinian sovereignty, Beilin said, while conceding this will be "very difficult" for them.

But if they do opt to leave, they will be fully compensated by the government.

In a larger context, Beilin said the "real test" for Palestinians will come in the next months when they have actually to implement the autonomy plan.

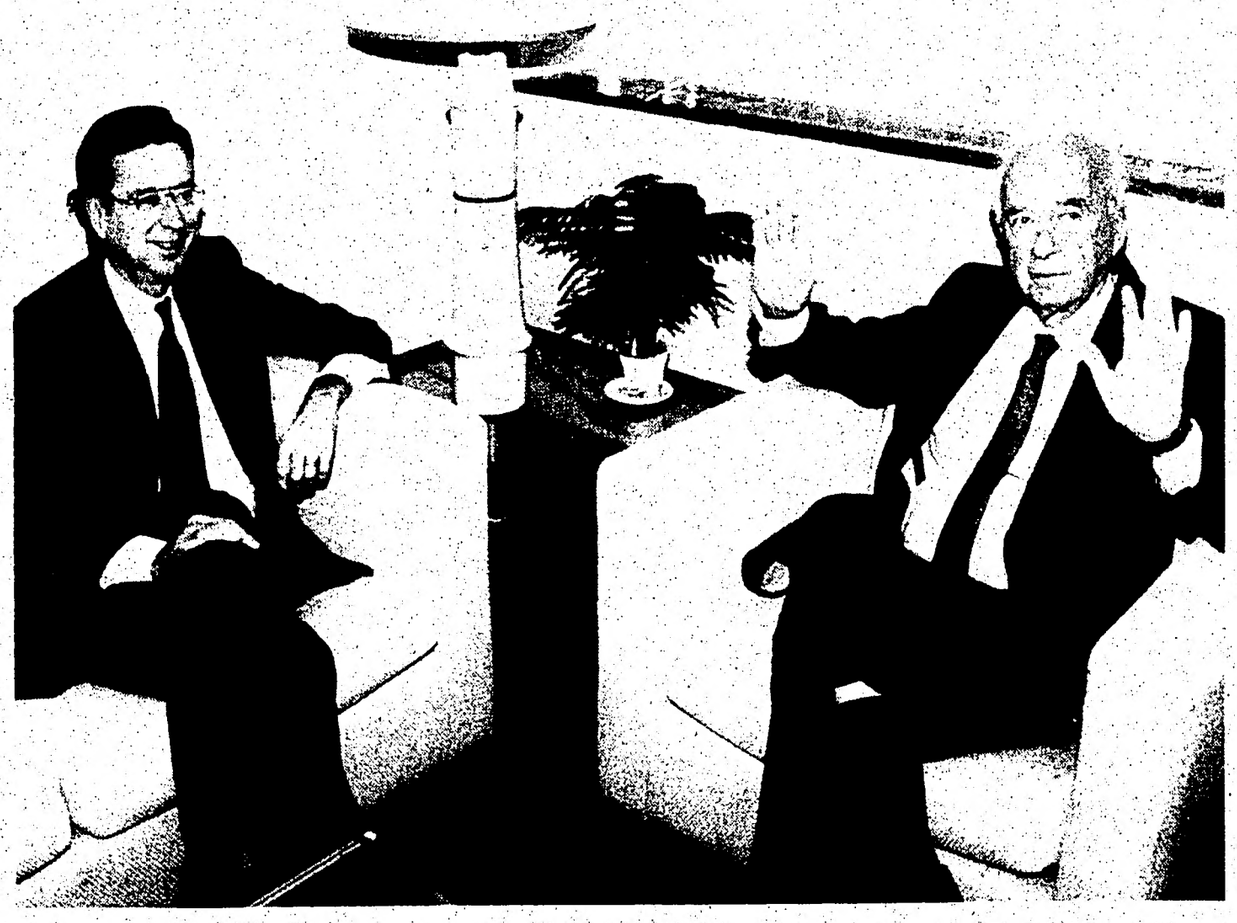
If the PLO and the Palestinian police can control terrorist incidents and protect the population, then the Israeli-PLO accord is a "success story."

If not, Israel will have the right to back out of the accord.

No "durable or comprehensive" peace, Beilin said, will take place without Syria, but it should not have the power to veto other peace agreements. He said Israeli ambassador to the U.S. Itamar Rabinovitch is proving to be the best negotiator with the Syrians.

And peace with the Syrians, he added, will also not take place without essential U.S. involvement. The "higher it is on its agenda, the bigger the prospects" for success, he said.

Whatever evolves, Beilin underscored, the window of oportunity "is now. It can evaporate like that."



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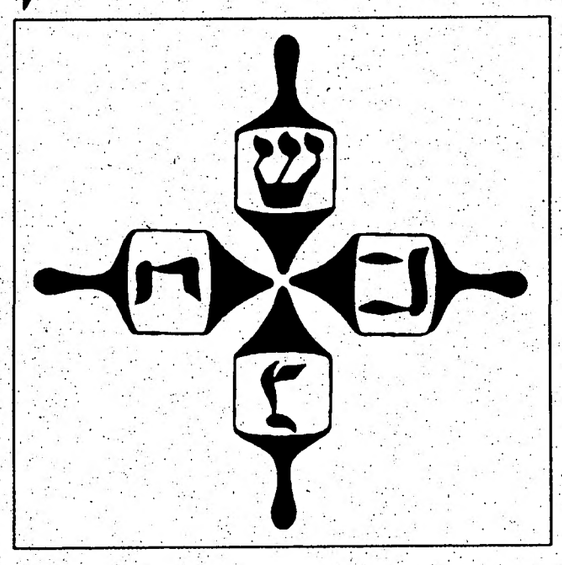

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Rabin urges GA to back accord

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The voice of the 71-year-old prime minister rose as he stressed that despite the need to continue the peace agenda, the security of the Jewish state will always come first.

"We believe that most Palestinians want peace, that the Jordanians want peace, that the Syrians want peace, and the Lebanese too.

"But we put our trust in no one — but ourselves," a remark greeted with wide applause.

Jerusalem, he vowed, will stay united.

Rabin sounded a harsh warning to rejectionists prepared to use violence to derail the process:

"One hand we will outstretch to peace, the other we will keep poised on the trigger," he said, sparking the strongest burst of applause of the evening.

"[But] we live in peace and not with illusions .. The hand of peace will, in time of need, pull that trigger."

Rabin's speech, projected on several huge screens inside the cavernous Palais de Congres convention hall, sounded unusually heartfelt for a man often described as revealing little of his emotional side in public.

At times his rhetoric was strong, referring to "the deranged teachings of Arab fanatics."

But he also punctuated his address with a little humor and a touch of poetry, quoting from the song that became the anthem of the Six Day War, *Yerushalyim Shel Zahav*, in his description of Jerusalem as "the city of gold, of copper and of light," and one that "is ours."

He spoke directly to the audience, calling them "dear friends" several times.

There was laughter when Rabin said he would have preferred "to sign a peace agreement with Holland or Luxembourg or with New Zealand. But there was no need to." They laughed again when Rabin described Israel as "flowing with milk, honey and microchips."

But the essence of that latter comment was in the context of a serious appeal for Israel and the Diaspora to shape a new, activist peacetime partnership.

"Partners in the vision of peace, in building the economy, the society, the culture," he said.

Part of this new agenda must also be to combat the forces of assimilation weakening Jewish identity in North America, particularly among the generation "that [does] not know the Holocaust ... that takes the Jewish state for granted."

Rabin said a successful war against this "attrition" can be won by "profound, indelible Jewish education coupled with the 'Israel experience,' " a project that plans to send North American teens to Israel in order to bolster aliyah.

The Israel experience is partially sponsored by the Montreal-based CRB Foundation, founded by Charles Bronfman.

"By bringing youth to Israel," Rabin said, "we achieve two essential objectives: we strengthen Jewish identity and ties to Israel while simultaneously helping our Israeli youth to intensify their ties to the Diaspora ... Every Jew, wherever he or she lives, should think of Israel as home."

"This," Rabin said, "is the time to rewrite the covenant between Israel and world Jewry."

For many in attendance, the speech clinched the warming relations between Rabin's Labor government and North American Jews.

Michael Crelinstein, executive director of the Quebec region of Canadian Jewish Congress, told *The Jerusalem Post* that many Jewish leaders welcoming Rabin with open arms were staunch Likud supporters.

CJC national director Jack Silverstone told the *Post* that for him, the speech "did not represent a healing process because no healing process was needed. I never felt there was any break with the North American community."

Rabin's 30-minute speech, attended by dozens of CJF leaders and several diplomats, started late. But the delay did not appear to dampen the mood of expectation. As the audience waited for the prime minister's arrival, Bronfman, who was chairing the evening, stalled for time while the audience sang songs and even began a feeble attempt at a sports stadium "wave."

In his formal remarks, Bronfman spoke optimistically about the Israel experience project, called the "Gift of Israel" program.

In keeping with the theme of peace, two young Israeli musicians, Russian-born violinist Arik Liberman, and pianist Salkim Aboud Ashkar, an Israeli Arab, performed a duet. The two, fellow-students at the Israel Arts and Science Academy, are neighbors in the Nazareth area, and friends.

The audience also heard from Tami Arad, wife of Ron Arad, the Israeli airman who has been held captive, reportedly by Iranians, since 1986.

Tami Arad called on Israel and world Jewry to do more to secure her husband's release.

The plenary was also addressed by Milton Wolfe, president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, who delivered a message on behalf of Serge Berdugo, president of the Moroccan Jewish community.

Berdugo was to have addressed a forum on the Sephardi experience but cancelled his appearance at the GA at the last moment because of his appointment by King Hassan II as minister of tourism. He is only the second Jew, and the first in over 30 years, to hold a cabinet position in the Moroccan government.

Warm relations, however, were notably absent on the morning of Rabin's speech, when non-Jewish media were excluded from a press conference at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The Jewish press passed easily by several security checkpoints while staff of the CBC and The Montreal *Gazette* protested.

Once inside the packed room, Rabin's press spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami, said there may have been a misunderstanding and that "our non-Jewish friends" were "more than welcome."

He said the press conference was intended to give Rabin an opportunity to address North American Jews but by that time, the damage had been done.

The Gazette, which gave prominent coverage to the rest of the GA, blasted the move as "discriminatory" and reported that Israel's Montreal consulate recorded several calls of protest from non-Jewish media.

In any event, Rabin used the press conference to convey more or less the same sentiments as he did in his speech later that night.

He said the peace breakthrough did not take place Sept. 13 on the White House lawn but rather in 1978, when the Camp David Peace Accord was signed between Israel and Egypt, and he praised the courage of Israel's signatory, the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Begin returned the Sinai peninsula to Egypt under the accord's terms, Rabin noted in defending the handing over to Palestinians of the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"I basically don't want to run their lives," he added. "Let them run it." Zionism, he stated, does not call on Jews "to run others' affairs" and is not about "territorial expansionism."

He said "there is no need to mention Jerusalem," which "remains united."

Rabin, in fact, bristled at a suggestion from one reporter that he broke campaign promises by forging a deal with the PLO and leaving the status of Jerusalem up in the air.

"No one will teach me what is a united Jerusalem," said an angered Rabin. "I was born in Jerusalem, the first Israeli prime minister to be born in Jerusalem. I commanded a brigade that fought along the road to Jerusalem."

Rabin conceded that he backed down from one election campaign promise: not to negotiate with the PLO.

"I changed one position. I'm not ashamed of it."

While there will "ups and downs" in implementing the peace plan, Rabin said his government "will not be deterred" either by opposition from Jewish settlers in the territories or by Palestinians whose "fanatic interpretation of the Koran denies the existence of Israel."

Tami Arad (at left), calls on ralliers to fight for the release of her husband, Ron. Looking on right are the Arads' daughter Yuval, sister-in-law Lea Arad, and Rabbi Reuben Poupko. Between them are student organizers Ilan Gewurtz (holding the placard), and Howard Liebman. (Howard Kay photo)

Wife seeks POW husband's freedom

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — It has been seven years, and Tami Arad wants to see her husband again.

She has been on a relentless campaign to do so ever since her husband, Ron Arad, an Israeli air force navigator, was captured by Lebanese Shiite Muslims in southern Lebanon in October, 1986. He and his pilot were forced to bail out from their Phantom jet, which had blown up due to mechanical failure.

The pilot was rescued by the IDF.

Israeli authorities believe Arad is now being held incommunicado as a POW, probably under Iranian control — but his exact whereabouts and condition are unknown.

Tami Arad visited Montreal last week — her first ever trip to Canada — to speak at the Council of Jewish Federation's General Assembly, meet with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, take part in a Jewish student rally at McGill, and raise overall public consciousness over the plight of her husband.

At the McGill rally, hastily organized by Tagar, the Canada-Israel Committee-Quebec and the Jewish Student Coalition, Tami Arad, accompanied by daughter Yuval and sister-in-law Lea Arad, read from two folded yellow sheets of paper she had obviously unfolded many times before.

"Not a minute must be lost," she said to a group of about 100 students, looking on quietly at the Union building.

"Every government that wishes to help must understand that he is a POW — not an MIA (missing-in-action)."

It is Arad's conviction, she told *The Canadian Jewish News*, that countries such as the United States and Canada have a crucial role to play in exerting international pressure on the parties holding her husband, whose continued secret imprisonment has become something of a cause celebre in Israel.

She has also met with European leaders in the hope that they might also have some influence over her husband's fate.

Average Israelis, she is convinced, will not tolerate a peace settlement that does not include the release of her husband.

No concrete information about his fate

Arad told reporters that she has had no concrete information about her husband for six years, but Israeli authorities assure her "he is alive."

Young daughter Yuval, smiling shyly to those around her, seemed happy to be in the spotlight.

But as rally participant Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue pointed out, his voice breaking, she is a daughter who has never known her father.

Despite not knowing as a matter of fact whether her husband is still alive, Arad said she has been able to keep her hopes alive by talking to former hostages like Terry Waite.

He told her to ignore those who maintain her husband is probably dead. Many a headline that appeared while he was a hostage in Lebanon for five years also declared his demise prematurely, he said.

Others at the rally also called for more community and international support for Arad and three Israelis classified as MIAs.

Howard Liebman, director of Tagar, noted that a year ago Jewish students kept Arad's name in the forefront through a campaign of selling "dog tags" bearing his name.

He promised Tami Arad that "we, like you, will never rest until he, your husband, is free and by your daughter's side."

Rabbi Poupko, said the point of the rally was not to talk about "theories of negotiation," but to show compassion for a family divided.

Rabbi Poupko called upon the Iranians, Lebanese, Syrians, or any party with potential influence on "the wicked ones" holding Arad to let him go. "Enough is enough," he said.

Rabbi Poupko also voiced confidence that Arad would be eventually released. But he said the case should also be a "first priority" when Israel sits down again in Washington for peace talks.

For Hillel Neuer, a McGill Law student, Arad's case had echoes of the plight of Natan Sharansky.

He recalled that Sharansky's wife, Avital, also pressed on and "never gave up" in her campaign to elicit international support.

McGill student Ilan Gewurtz said to fully understand what Arad is going through, try to put yourself in his shoes.

"Who would miss me if I did not return?" Gewurtz said.

For Ron Arad, "this is a real question."

Sarajevo Jews plan another evacuation

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two leaders of the Jewish community in Sarajevo, Bosnia, who had remained behind while hundreds of other Jews have been evacuated, told Jewish leaders here last week that they intend to evacuate another 200 to Israel soon.

The leaders, Ivica Ceresnjes and Jacob Finzi, told the World Jewish Congress and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that local government authorities have given assurances that it will not interfere with the evacuation.

The two men have accompanied other convoys out but continually return to the war-torn city.

Ceresnjes (pronounced Cheresnyes) told the WJC American Section that the previous convoy, which was evacuated earlier this fall, faced great difficulties.

The convoy originally had 152 people on board but after interference by government authorities ended with only 21.

"They stopped us from taking anybody but Jews, and the Jews we got out had to be under 15 or 16 or over 65 years old," said Ceresnjes, who is head of the Jewish community federation.

He said the last evacuation was the first of 10 evacuation convoys in which the government had interfered.

Ceresnjes said the Jewish community supports "all communities on a humanitarian basis."

"At the doors of the Jewish community, we do not ask who you are but how many are you and what do you need," he said.

The Jewish community operates a kitchen that feeds 320 people of all ethnic groups daily. In addition, it has set up two pharmacies that dispense medicine to anyone free of charge.

Sarajevo Jews leave their home during the 10th evacuation. [Dorn Tashtit/Joint Distribution Committee]

Some 700 Jews remain in Sarajevo, many of them too old to travel and a sizable number between the ages of 30 and 50. All Jewish children have been removed from the city. Before the civil war there were some 1,700 Jews.

Most of them, particularly the aged, "feel it is their only home," said Finzi, who is head of the Benevolencia, the humanitarian aid department of the Jewish community.

Finzi said small pockets of Jews remain throughout Bosnia — in Banja Luka, Tuzla, Zenica and Mostar.

There is virtually no telephone service, electricity or food. With help from outside organizations, they receive pasta, rice and beans.

"I lost two countries," said Finzi, "first Yugoslavia, now Bosnia." He joked that "I now speak three languages, Serbian, Bosnian and Croatian." They are the same language.

Bosnian officials are trying desperately to show that Bosnia, a multicultural entity rapidly disintegrating, can continue to exist, Finzi said.

Bosnian authorities would like to show that if Bosnia, a microcosm of the once larger country, can exist, "this would mean that Yugoslavia can exist," he said.

But he himself believes "there is no Bosnia anymore."

Olim arrive from war-torn Armenia

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of 119 olim from strife-ridden Armenia landed in Israel last Wednesday morning after a 30-hour ordeal born of bureaucracy and fuel shortages. Many of the immigrants had been living in battle zones, and their mini-exodus represented a humanitarian success for the Jewish Agency.

Fighting erupted between Armenia and neighboring Azerbaijan in 1992, following the breakup of the former Soviet Union. Each country claimed possession of Nagorno-Karabakh, an enclave in Azerbaijan that has a majority population of ethnic Armenians.

Twenty-three Jews from Georgia, which has been in a state of civil war since 1991, joined the flight when the plane made a stopover in Tbilisi, Georgia's capital.

The same day, another 73 Georgian immigrants arrived on a separate flight from Tbilisi.

The arduous flight, marked by long delays and an unexpected detour, resulted in large part from fuel shortages in Armenia and Georgia.

Jewish Agency officials accompanying the olim literally had to scavenge for fuel among the planes parked on the tarmac at Tbilisi.

At one stage, the plane took off for Israel with enough fuel, but the flight was denied access across Turkish air space and had to turn back to Tbilisi.

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The recipients of the gifts are pre-schoolers who attend Na'amat's more than 850 day-care centres across Israel. This year, more than one-third of the presents will be given to the children of new olim. For many of them, this will be their first Chanukah in their new homeland.

It was Burstyn's concern for the orphans of the Yom Kippur War that inspired her to collect the first funds for Chanukah presents. Today, it is the children of deprived families, of new olim, of families with traumatizing problems who receive the greatest benefit. And the need increases each year.

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Zundel's TV show gets pulled off the air

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the second time in four months, a series of satellite-transmitted television programs denying the Holocaust and promoting racism and anti-Semitism has been taken off the air.

The shows, produced by Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel under the series title Voice of Freedom, were broadcast first during the summer by Showcase America, a Colorado-based company, and then during the fall by Keystone Communications, based in York, Pa.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, based in Los Angeles, had protested the programs, which had the potential to reach millions of homes.

Canadian Jewish Congress was also involved in discussions with Keystone, dispatching a package of material that contained information describing Zundel and his neo-Nazi activities. Congress urged the network to sever all its ties to Zundel and to remove his show from Keystone's programming schedule.

One of the shows featured Zundel on a walking tour of the Auschwitz concentration camp with another Holocaust denier, David Cole.

"That program was the most outrageous of all because it desecrated the memory of Hitler's victims by using a gas chamber in the infamous camp as a backdrop for these hate mongers to deny that anyone was gassed at all," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

"The use of this medium by Holocaust deniers indicates a troubling growth in the sophistication of the methodology used to spread the 'big lie,'" said Cooper.

In September, the Voice of Freedom was taken off the air in Canada after complaints were filed by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Zundel has been moving his program from one satellite broadcaster to another, according to Cooper.

On Aug. 27, 1992, Zundel, 53, was acquitted by the Supreme Court of Canada of disseminating hate propaganda after he had been convicted of hate crimes there in 1985 and 1988.

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פון דוד באָטוויניק (מאָנטרעאַל)*

צווישן די פילצאָליקע אינסטיטוציעס וואָס מאָנטרעאַל פאַרמאָגט שיינען אַרויס, מיט זייער ספעציעל-וויכטיקער ראָלע, די יידישע שולן. הגם זיי זיינען פון אַ פאַרשיידענעם כאַראַקטער: טאָג-שולן (דער עיקר) און אויך נאָכמיטאָג-שולן און אפילו זונטיק-שולן, טייל מער רעליגיעזע, טייל ווייניקער רעליגיעזע, טייל וועלטלעכע -- האָבן זיי אָבער אַלע איין בשותפותדיקן ציל: דערציען זייערע תלמידים, אַז זיי זאָלן אויסוואַקסן גוטע און שטאָלצע יידן.

און ווייל דער ציל איז אַזאַ וויכטיקער און אַ סך כוח און ענערגיע מצד אונדזערע יידישע דער-ציערס-לערערס וועלן אַריינגעלייגט אים צו דער-גרייכן -- איז דעריבער נויטיק אָפצושאַצן און זען ווי ווייט אָט די אָנשטרענגונג דערגרייכט טאַקע די געוואונטשענע רעזולטאַטן.

ווי איינער, וואָס אַרבעט שוין לאַנגע יאָרן (ווי אַ געזאַנג-לערער) אין היגע יידישע שולן און פאָלגט נאָך, פון דער נאָענט, דעם פראָצעס פון דער דערציאונגס-אַרבעט, זע איך, גלייכצייטיק, סיי פאָזיטיווע אויפטוען, סיי אַ באַדויערנדיקן פאַקטאָר, וואָס שטערט און דערלאָזט ניט צו דערגרייכן פולקאָמע רעזולטאַטן אין אונדזער חינוך.

וואָס עס פעלט

אין די לערן-פראָגראַמען (קוריקולומס) פון כּמעט אַלע שולן אונדזערע פעלט אַ העכסט-נויטיקער טייל פון אונדזער קולטור-ירושה, וואָס וועלט, לייַדער, ניט איבערגעגעבן צו די תלמידים. עס וועלט פשוט דערלאָזט אַז די תלמידים זאָלן ניט קענען, זאָלן ניט פאַרשטיין, זאָלן ניט לערן אפילו דעם קלאַנג, זאָלן ניט פילן דעם טעם, גע-שמאַק, די האַרציקייט און נשמהדיקייט פון דעם וויכטיקן לשון אונדזערן, וואָס הייסט: יידיש.

אין מערסטע יידישע שולן אין מאָנטרעאַל לערנען זיך קינדער, וואָס דער גרעסטער טייל פון זיי האָבן יידיש-רעידנדיקע זיידעס און באָבעס וואָס האָבן אַדער אַליין איבערגעלעבט דעם לעצטן חורבן אין איראָפּע, אַדער זיינען געקומען אַהער פאַר דער צווייטער וועלט-מלחמה. אויך אַ סך -- אויב ניט די מערהייט -- פון די טאַטע-מאַמעס פון די קינדער אין אָט די שולן, קענען ריידן און/אַדער פאַרשטייען יידיש. איז דעריבער זיכער ניט ריכטיק, און אוודאי ניט יושרדיק לגבי די קינדער גופא, אַז יידיש זאָל אין אונדזערע שולן אויסגעמיטן וועלן אָדער פשוט איגנאָרירט וועלן אין די לערן-פראָגראַמען.

לאָמיר אויך ניט פאַרגעסן, אַז וועגן דער גרעס-טער שונא פון יידישן פאָלק, היטלער ימח שמו, האָט מיט זיין מערדער-אַרמיי פאַרטיליקט זעקס מיליאָן יידן, האָט ער דערביי אומגעבראַכט דעם בעסטן און טייערסטן טייל פון יידישן פאָלק, וואָס האָט אין זיין גרעסטער מערהייט געערדט יידיש. און אַז דער צווייטער גרעסטער רוצח פון דעם יאָרהונדערט, יאָסיף סטאַלין, האָט בלוטיק ליקווידירט דאָס יידישע רעליגיעזע און נאַציאָנא-לע קולטור-לעבן, איז דערביי יידיש געווען דער הויפט-קרבן.

צום גליק האָבן מיר איבערגעלעבט אונדזערע שונאים. דאָס יידישע פאָלק און יידיש-לשון לעבן און וועלן שטענדיק לעבן. יידישע שרייבערס און פאָעטן שאַפן וויטער וואָגיקע ווערק אויף יידיש. אין דער וועלט זיינען איצט פאַראַן עטלעכע מיליאָן יידן, וואָס זייער מאַמע-לשון איז יידיש און נאָך מער יידן פאַרשטייען יידיש.

אין מדינת ישראל שאַצט מען איצט אָפּ די וויכטיקע ראָלע פון יידיש ווי אַ פעסטונג קעגן אַסימילאַציע אין די תפוצות און ווי אַ וויכטיקע קולטור-שפראַך פאַר יידן אומעטום. מיט יעדן יאָר פאַרמערן זיך די קלאַסן אין ישראל וואו מען לערנט יידיש. און אוודאי איז יידיש, ווי אַ לערן-שפראַך, שטאַרק פאָפולער אין די באַרימטסטע אוניווערסיטעטן אין דער וועלט.

ליגט דעריבער אויף אונדזערע דערציערס, דאָ, אַ הייליקער חוב צו טאָן אַלץ, אַז יידיש זאָל דאָ ניט באַשעוולט ווערן און ניט דיסקרימינירט ווערן, נאָר זאָל אַריינגענומען ווערן אָפּיציעל און מיט כּבוד אין אונדזערע לערן-פראָגראַמען.

איך אַפּעליר צום יידישן דערציאונגס-ראָט פון מאָנטרעאַל צו באַהאַנדלען, וואָס פריער, אָט דעם ענין, און איך לייג דערביי פאָר, אַז ער זאָל, וואָס גיכער, באַשטימען אַ קאָמיסיע וואָס זאָל אויס-אַרבעטן אַ פלאַן ווי אַזוי איינצופירן דעם לימוד פון יידיש אין די שולן. דאָס איז דער געבאָט פון דער שעה!

*יחד באָטוויניק, אַ גוט-באַקאַנטער מוזיק-לערער און כאָר-דיריגענט אין מאָנטרעאַלער יידישע שולן, זינט 1956.

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Russian family gets reprieve as deportation process halted

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A temporary reprieve for a Russian Jewish family of four facing deportation resulted Nov. 15 when the government adjudicator said she may withdraw from the case.

The fate of the Felix Gogniev family hangs in the balance as they are threatened with deportation to North Ossetia, an area on the border of Georgia where a civil war is raging. The Jewish Immigrant Aid Society is opposing the deportation. The family has been in Canada on visitors' visas for three years. Their application as convention refugees was denied.

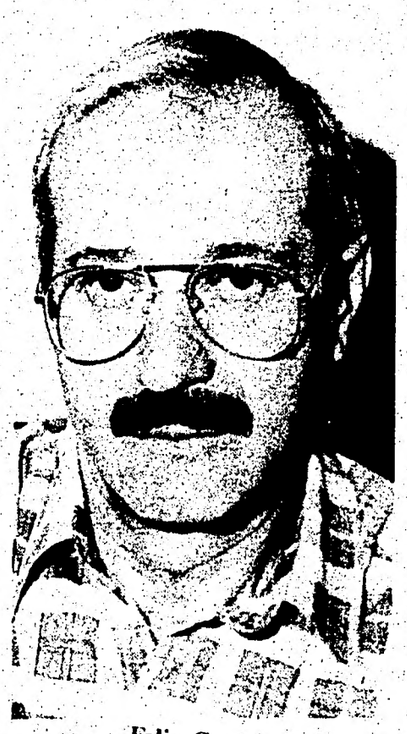
During a hearing inquiry on the deportation order, adjudicator Sylvana Gratton halted proceedings over a dispute on the accuracy of the interpretation. She asked Gogniev if he was satisfied with the interpreter's work and when he replied in the negative, she announced she may not continue with the case. "The interpreter has been subject to an obscene amount of criticism," she said, adding that it would in no way affect her decision on the case. The hearing is to resume Dec. 17.

Covered in the deportation order are Gogniev, 56, his ex-wife, Dina Tsallaeva, and their two daughters, Tima, 27, and Zalina, 25.

At one point in the hearing, Gogniev was asked by Immigration department case presenter Vincent Greco if he is receiving welfare. "Now, or in the future" asked Gogniev, through the interpreter.

"I hope you won't get welfare out of the country, but the way things are going, I can't be sure," said Gratton, adding immediately that she made the remark "in levity."

When the adjudicator later adjourned the hearing, Gogniev's counsel, Christine Kurata, asked for copies of tapes of the evidence.



Felix Gogniev

"I want to examine your remarks on welfare," Kurata said.

The adjudicator said if she withdraws from the case, the tapes will no longer be relevant, in view of the trouble over interpretation, and if she does continue, she will decide whether counsel should get the tapes.

The hasty adjournment followed several flare-ups as the hearing went on including a statement by the adjudicator that Gogniev appeared to be "unco-operative."

One spat came when Gratton asked Gogniev if he was fluent in English. When the translator interpreted the reply as "I speak English but I do not understand it as well" daughter Tima objected that the translation was not correct: Gogniev explained, through the interpreter, that he meant he does not understand English when he is listening to it under tension as in the hearing.

"My life is on the line, it is my life or death, I have to understand the question," Gogniev told the adjudicator.

There was also some argument over the interpreter's translation of the adjudicator's remark that she was "frustrated" by events at the hearing. At the outset, when Tima said she wanted the translator to speak louder, Gratton stormed off the bench and carried a chair in from another room so that Tima could sit closer to the interpretation.

Some of the evidence bore on whether the family received welfare payments. They have been cut off welfare since October. Kurata submitted offers of employment for Gogniev and his ex-wife, both from the same prospective employer. She said the Gogniev family has had and will continue to have financial support from relatives, including Zalina's husband, who is a Canadian.

"I'm willing to accept evidence on who is supporting them and if there is other means of support," said the adjudictor. " But we can't live in a dream world. All the job offers in the world can't obviate the fact that employment can't be offered to them."

When Greco asked if the Gogniev passports would allow the family to travel to the U.S.S.R., Gogniev said they would not. "In my opinion the passports are not valid," he said.

A letter asking Sergio Marchi, the new minister of Employment and Immigration, to intercede at the 11th hour on behalf of the Gognievs was sent by Doug Vallery, a Toronto resident, who attended the hearing.

'CRYSTAL NIGHT' REMEMBERED

Two visitors spend a moment of silence at the memorial stone of victims at the Jewish cemetery in Berlin's district Weissensee on Nov. 9, marking the 55th anniversary of the 'crystal night' when Nazis destroyed synagogues and other Jewish institutions all over Germany. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Inco accused of using ex-Nazis

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A series of investigatory articles in *The Sudbury Star* has added another piece to the puzzle about Canada's post-war policy of welcoming ex-Nazis and their collaborators.

The Northern Ontario newspaper reported that "Inco Limited imported ex-Nazi stormtroopers and Hungarian freedom fighters in considerable numbers during the 1950s. Some of these people later rioted in the streets of Sudbury."

Inco made use of the fascist sympathizers to disrupt union activities and organizing campaigns, the *Star* reported.

The newspaper cited 32-year-old RCMP intelligence documents, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, as its source.

The report confirms elements of a 1986 report by Ottawa historian Alti Rodal prepared for the Deschenes Commission which investigated Nazi war criminals in Canada. Rodal had revealed that the shortage of workers in post-war Canada, coupled with lobbying campaigns by ethnic communities along with discriminatory immigration practices that favored Central and East European anti-communists, led Canada to permit the entry of individuals who served with Nazi forces. Among them were members of the SS and other wartime fascists such as members of the Hungarian Arrow Cross.

Canadian Jewish Congress has called on federal Justice Minister Allan Rock to investigate the newspaper's claims. "The disturbing allegations in the report corroborate recent revelations that immigration authorities turned a blind eye to the settlement in Canada of former Nazis. . . and underscores the secrecy with which successive governments covered up this policy," said Milton Harris, chair of Congress' war crimes committee.

The government "owes us an explanation," said Congress president Irving Abella. "They let them in and they should now be investigated and susceptible to denaturalization and deportation. If the RCMP knew they were allowing in Nazis, they broke Canadian law," he said, adding these people were prime candidates to disrupt left-wing unions.

Jim Tester, a former president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW), said he believes the government consciously allowed ex-Nazis "to do a certain job [to] offset the progress made by the Canadian union movement in the war years. . . They were used by the mining company."

Tester said he recalls an incident at a Falconbridge plant in Timmins that occurred when smelter workers were showering. They spotted the SS tatoos under the armpits of two other workers and "beat them up."

He said he personally spoke with all the laborers at the plant and that many from Yugoslavia, Ukraine, Hungary and Italy "had a fascist background." Some, he added, were members of a wartime Ukrainian SS Division.

"I would suspect that the company knew exactly who they were," Tester said. "They were able to get a day's work out of them and they had a strong anti-union attitude."

On one occasion in the late 1940s or early '50s, about 100 to 150 "hooligans" wrecked a union hall, Tester said. "They marched down like stormtroopers. They were well trained."

The Sudbury Star, quoting RCMP intelligence documents, indicated that the former storm troopers disrupted meetings and organizational campaigns by the IUMMSW, which was embroiled in a heated dispute for union membership with the United Steelworkers of America.

Jerry Rogers, manager of public affaris for Inco, said there is nothing in the extensive company archives to substantiate the allegations contained in the RCMP report cited by *The Star*.

Inspector George Watson, a member of the RCMP's war crimes unit, said the unit will "try to get a hold of those files" and "we will have a look at it. . . in the normal course of events."

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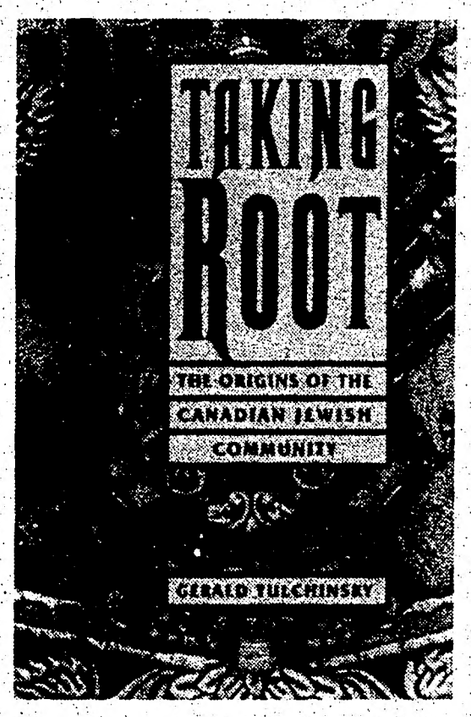

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World

The News in Brief

Most Israelis now oppose pact

JERUSALEM — The wave of Arab violence that has overtaken Israelis since Israel signed a self-rule accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization in September has eroded public confidence in the peace process to such an extent that now more Israelis oppose the agreement than favor it.

The reversal of Israeli support for the accord was revealed in the latest opinion poll, which was published in the Hebrew daily Ma'ariv.

Of 505 Jewish men and women polled last week, 39 percent expressed support for the Israel-PLO pact, while 45 percent said they were against it.

The remaining 16 percent surveyed expressed no opinion.

These findings contrast sharply with the results of polls taken immediately after the Sept. 13 White House signing ceremony. At that time, the majority of Israelis favored granting limited autonomy to the Palestinians.

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ADL Settles California Case

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League has reached a settlement with the San Francisco district attorney's office, which has been investigating the ADL for months, by agreeing to an injunction not to use illegal methods to monitor the activities of others.

In the settlement, ADL officials admitted no wrongdoing and denied that they had bought illegally obtained information despite San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith's contention that their fact-finding methods had breached the law.

The ADL will pay no fine or penalty.

The settlement also prevents criminal prosecution of ADL or of Roy Bullock, the researcher who collected personal information on nearly 10,000 politically active people and groups spanning the ideological spectrum and, according to investigators, sold most of it to ADL.

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Jewish Agency Cuts Spending

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization are clamping down on spending by senior officials.

New policies will eliminate the use of corporate credit cards, require detailed monthly expense reports, and ban the personal use of "frequent flier" bonuses accrued through agency travel.

Also, everyone, including the chair and the directors-general, will be accountable to someone for their expenditures.

The rules were recommended by a committee formed last February after the revelation that the agency's chairman, Simcha Dinitz, had personal credit card bills paid by the Jewish Agency and was otherwise lax in handling expenses.

The new rules apply to about 50 agency officials.

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Hussein In-Laws Visit Israel

TEL AVIV — More fruits were born of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization accord last week when Jordanian King Hussein's in-laws arrived in Jerusalem for their first visit here.

Najeeb and Jane Halaby, parents of Queen Noor, crossed into Israel via the Allenby Bridge, where they were greeted as VIPs by Israeli officials who had been alerted to their arrival by Jordanian officials.

The American-born Halabys traveled to Jerusalem in an awaiting taxi and then, accompanied by family members from Ramallah, drove to eastern Jerusalem.

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Jewish Leaders Boycott Memorial

BERLIN — A controversial new memorial to Germany's war dead was inaugurated in the absence of Berlin's Jewish community leaders and with condemnation by many non-Jewish Germans as well.

The memorial, inscribed "for the victims of war and tyranny," has been roundly criticized for honoring perpetrators as well as victims of the Holocaust and for not mentioning Jews as victims.

In protest, the culture minister of Berlin stayed away, joining some 50 intellectuals and public figures who signed a statement saying the monument "can never be a place for remembering the victims of German fascism."

At the same time that the memorial was being dedicated, police were arresting some 200 right-wing activists throughout the country who tried to stage rallies.

Although the leader of the Berlin Jewish community pointedly stayed away from the memorial's dedication, Ignatz Bubis, who is head of the entire German Jewish community, attended, after Kohl agreed to his demands for a plaque naming Nazi victims.

New Jewish Museum Opens In Vienna

VIENNA — The city of Vienna, following through on a promise made seven years ago by its mayor, has built the city's first Jewish museum in almost 100 years.

The new museum is the repository for precious Judaica collections that have had no adequate home for several decades.

The museum's main goal is to become the "spiritual meeting point of Jews and non-Jews for an exchange of views and for better understanding," said Professor Julius Schoeps, the museum's founding director.

The museum is housed in an ornate baroque city palace in the heart of Vienna, in the city's antiques shop quarter.

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Yaacov Shapira Dead At 90

JERUSALEM — Ya'acov Shapira, who was Israel's first attorney general and served as minister of justice under former Prime Minister Golda Meir, died last week in Tel Aviv. He was 90.

A prominent member of the Mapai Party, the forerunner of the present-day Labor Party, Shapira was named attorney general at the state's founding in 1948 and remained in that position until 1950.

He was later elected to the Knesset on the Mapai ticket.

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Israeli Elected To UN Panel

UNITED NATIONS — The former director of Israel's Ministry of Justice has been elected to serve on the United Nation's administrative tribunal.

Mayer Gabay's election marks the first time in more than two decades that an Israeli has been elected in direct, personal elections to a UN post.

The election is being seen as another indication that the United Nations is normalizing its relationship with Israel.

Gabay was one of four candidates competing for two open justice posts on the seven-member tribunal, which is the court of last resort for grievances in the UN secretariat.

Further evidence of the changed atmosphere regarding Israel came later, when the special political committee approved the minutes of the information committee, which had previously voted to add Israel as a member.

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Torah Scroll Donated

CALGARY — B'nai Brith Lodge No. 816 donated a Torah scroll to the small but growing Chabad-Lubavitch congregation at a chupah ceremony.

The European scroll, which had been rescued from the Holocaust, was purchased from the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Regina, Sask. Faced with a shrinking congregation and 13 Torah scrolls, Beth Jacob decided to sell some of them.

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Meir Sas Dies

NAHARIYA — Dr. Meir Sas, a leader of the Hungarian Jewish community, died here recently after a lengthy illness. He was 71. Sas left Hungary for Israel in 1949. An expert in Israeli naval history, he lectured at the Nautical College in Akko and later, at Haifa University. After his retirement, he worked with immigrants from Russia. A few years ago, Sas published a memorial book on the Jews in Hungary and particularly of the towns of Zemplen and Ujhely.

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Chief Rabbi Defends Muslims

PARIS — In a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand, France's chief rabbi came to the defence of Muslim schoolgirls, who the rabbi said are the victims of an anti-religious trend within the country.

During his meeting with Mitterrand last week, Rabbi Joseph Sitruk referred to the recent expulsion of Muslim girls from a state-run school in Nantua, a city in south-central France.

The girls were expelled for refusing on religious grounds to remove their veils in school. Some of the girls had also refused to attend biology classes for religious reasons.

According to French law, pupils at state-run schools are forbidden to wear religious garb or insignia.

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U.S. court overturns Demjanjuk extradition

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Disappointment and dismay greeted a federal appeals court's decision to overturn the 1985 court order under which John Demjanjuk, who was tried in Israel as the Nazi guard "Ivan the Terrible," was extradited to Israel.

The appellate court in Cincinnati also ruled last Wednesday that Justice Department prosecutors had committed fraud when obtaining the extradition order.

The court did not address the earlier proceedings that had removed Demjanjuk's U.S. citizenship.

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) called on Attorney General Janet Reno last Wednesday to urge an immediate appeal of the verdict to the Supreme Court.

Nathan Lewin, president of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, American Section, said the decision must be reviewed.

It is a "tragedy of major proportions," he said.

The Justice Department said it was reviewing its options and "intends, as it previously stated, to effect Demjanjuk's prompt removal from the United States as soon as his legal status is resolved," according to a statement from Reno's office that was forwarded to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Alan Dershowitz, a law professor at Harvard University, said that "if the standard applied to John Demjanjuk's extradition order were applied universally to all criminal cases, prison doors around the United States would be flung wide open and tens of thousands of convicted prisoners would be freed.

"This decision applies a double standard to Nazi war criminals that is almost never applied to other criminals," he said.

"Why this court has such a special solicitude toward a Nazi collaborator still needs to be explained," Dershowitz added.

A three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the ruling that targeted prosecutors working in the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which investigates and prosecutes suspected war criminals living in the United States.

According to the decision, prosecutors working with the OSI committed "prosecutorial misconduct" in stripping the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk of his U.S. citizenship and sending him to Israel, where he was sentenced to death for being a Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

Demjanjuk, 73, was freed by Israel after the court there ruled that it could not be proven beyond a doubt that he had not been a victim of mistaken identity.

Escorted by family members, he returned to the United States on Sept. 22 and has been living in seclusion at his home in suburban Cleveland.

At the time, the Justice Department allowed Demjanjuk into the country on a temporary basis under the attorney general's parole authority.

He was allowed to return to this country so that he could be present at a trial to determine whether he should once again be deported for having lied about his past when he first applied for American citizenship.

Sentenced to death in 1988

Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel from the United States in February 1986 to stand trial for war crimes committed as the sadistic gas chamber operator at Treblinka. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1988.

But on July 29 of this year, the Israeli Supreme Court overturned the conviction, saying that there was now reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the notorious "Ivan."

However, the Israeli court found that there was compelling evidence that Demjanjuk had served as an SS guard at the Sobibor death camp and the Flossenburg and Regensburg concentration camps.

On Sept. 19, the Israeli Supreme Court upheld the recommendation of Attorney General Yosef Harish, who had argued that a new trial would not be in the interest of the state and that a conviction was uncertain.

In Washington, Schumer said in a statement that he was "angry and disappointed but not surprised" by the decision.

"The 6th Circuit has been consistently mistaken and misguided in its handling of this case," he said.

"Demjanjuk clearly lied about his Nazi past when he entered the U.S. and firm evidence ties him to the death camps."

U.S. Holocaust Museum draws overload of visitors

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Due to the overwhelming popularity of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in recent months, museum officials are encouraging future visitors not to come — at least not yet.

An overload of visitors since the museum's opening in April has packed the exhibits and crowded the hallways of the newest federal museum, straining both its human and financial resources.

"We do invite everyone to visit — but not right now," said Museum Director Jeshajahu Weinberg at a news conference last Tuesday.

Nearly 750,000 visitors have toured the museum in its first seven months of operation, as many as were expected in the entire first year. The museum welcomes an average of 4,200 people daily.

According to a survey released by the museum last week, 94 percent of the museum's visitors enjoyed their experience. But 47 percent of the visitors polled thought the museum was too crowded.

Those polled included Jews, Catholics and Protestants. Ninety-five percent of both Jews and Catholics said they had enjoyed the museum, while 92 percent of Protestant visitors registered their approval.

In fact, the museum has drawn such large crowds that officials have been forced to hire more employees than initially planned, at a cost of about $200,000 in unexpected salaries.

The overcrowding has also resulted in wear and tear on the museum, which will require additional refurbishing.

Because of these increased demands, the museum will need $12 million over and beyond its allocation of federal funds.

Museum officials plan to push for increased donations and divert funds from long-range programs to provide for current needs.

To control the crowding, museum officials plan to redesign the three-floor exhibition to improve traffic flow, and to increase the visitor services staff.

In addition, the museum will continue until at least Sept. 30, 1994, to allow patrons to reserve tickets in advance, according to Elaine Heumann Gurian, museum deputy director.

Tickets for future visits can be reserved now.

Gurian said she was "thrilled" with the overwhelmingly positive results of the survey. But she emphasized the need to cut back on the crowds.

She urged people planning a visit in the near future to come in the middle of the week, when the museum is less crowded.

Gurian expects that the museum's surging popularity will level off in four to five months.

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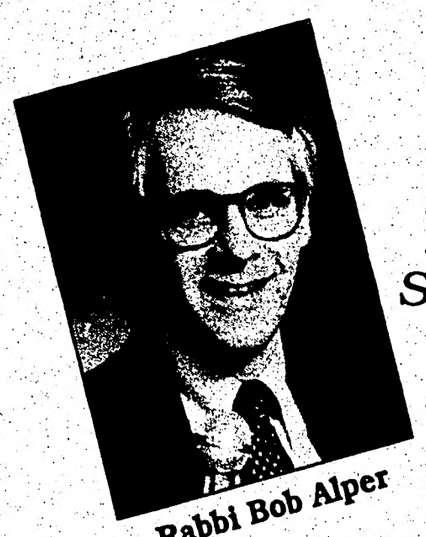

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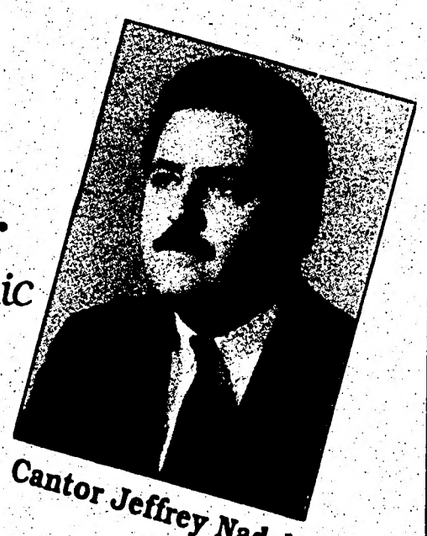

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Masha Lubelsky, leader of the Na'amat world movement, addresses Na'amat Canada's 10th triennial convention. Seated (from left) are Montreal's Israeli Consul General Itzhak Levanon, Israeli consul general in New York Collette Avital, and Na'amat Canada immediate past-president Rhona Blanshay.

Na'amat to maintain focus on greater equality for women

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Like most living Israeli legends, Masha Lubelsky defies easy description. But it is also part of her nature to defy, a reflection of the activist instinct that led her to be named head of the Na'amat World Movement last year after serving more than a decade as its secretary general.

Speaking to the recent triennial national convention of Na'amat at the Delta Hotel, Lubelsky, who was also elected as a Labour MK for the first time last year and is deputy trade minister, was exuberant and motivational. She reminded the 200 delegates that Na'amat in Israel has been and will continue to be in the forefront of social activism, especially in securing equal rights for women.

In private, Lubelsky reveals a quieter, perhaps even more tired side. She is 68, has seen it all and has lived through the most tumultuous periods of Israeli history. But she is also ever the gadfly, eager to say it like it is and do what is right — which seemsd to renew her energy.

"What is the biggest change in Na'amat?" she asks, repeating the question posed to her and rising in her chair.

"More professional women are involved."

It is also a "more 'fighting' organization,'" Lubelsky says. "We work on any issue that involves the status of women."

In the past, this was not always the case, she notes. In Israel, Na'amat used to focus primarily on "services" to women.

But Na'amat was always political.

Its roots lay imbedded in the social consciousness of the Labour Zionist movement and, says Lubelsky, they have remained there, firmly implanted.

But Na'amat's politics, especially since the early '70s, have become more "crystallized," she said, in part due to the feminist movement. Since then Na'amat has focused its activities on winning more equality for women and status of women issues, while careful not to forget where it came from.

Lubelsky, in fact, is both encouraged and impatient, happy to see progress but happier if there were more.

Na'amat, she thinks, has scored its biggest coups in the fields of social legislation, on such issues as abortion rights, retirement income funds, sexual harrassment policy, legal services and violence in the family.

But she thinks the organization's priority for the moment must be to do what it can to limit the rate of unemplyment among Israeli women.

Of the 11 percent of unemployed Israelis, she points out, two-thirds are women. Jobs must be created for these women, Lubelsky insists, as must vocational training workshops, especially for women finishing their stints in the army.

Just as important, "attitudes have to change," she said. "There has to be a better attitude in secondary schools to encourage more women to enter the high tech industries."

To the delegates, Lubelsky went further, pointing to Na'amat's record of addressing familial needs as an essential ingredient to its multi-faceted agenda.

It is Na'amat's renowned network of day-care centres and schools, for example, that has enabled young Isreali women to work and to find jobs.

Lubelsky is especially intrigued by the possibility of women developing small businesses, since she thinks women, frankly are better at it.

She urged her fellow Na'amat "chaverot" not to balk at the idea, to not look at small business as a "bourgeois" enterprise and anathema to the Na'amat agenda.

To the contrary, she said, no social progress is possible without a spirit of competition and many members of Na'amat in Israel are now running small businesses. The Israeli government is even guaranteeing up to 60 percent of funds loaned out to develop small businesses, and such ventures are vital to develop the economy and keep women working, Lubelsky said.

Na'amat has also helped pave the way in many, related issues, Lubelsky said.

Working families need services, and Na'amat established them.

Three years ago, Na'amat campaigned to have the school day lengthened and supported teachers striking for higher wages.

To this day, she added, Na'amat is also lobbying to revise Israel's tax system, which "does not recognize the cost of sending children to school" and are in fact a disincentive for women to work.

The tax system, she said, "simply discriminates against women," and despite "promises and commitments," there is nothing concrete yet to show for it. But, "we are hoping."

There are other issues on the Na'amat agenda, and Lubelsky almost cited them all:

Immigrant single parent families who want to come to Israel but will increase the number of agunot, still a volatile issue; violence in the family (Na'amat has organized very successful symposiums in Israel on this question); and Na'amat's continuing links with Israel's trade union movement, Histadrut.

Lubelsky truly appreciates that Na'amat is a non-governmental organization (NGO), so it can go its own way and "criticize any government. We do not have to keep quiet."

Nor stay away from the peace process.

In Tel Aviv, Palestinian women from Gaza visited the Na'amat office to express their fears that their men won't need them as they did during the intifada, when women were in the forefront of demonstrations.

The Palestinian women came to Na'amat, says Lubelsky, to "adopt out methods," and "we hope that if there are healthy, positive contacts between Na'amat and the Palestinians, it will contribute towards peace."

There is already a long-standing history of bridge-building, she noted, between Na'amat and Israeli-Arab women.

Despite its feminist orientation, Lubelsky said to her audience, Na'amat does not share the views of "some extremist feminists who do not like to speak in terms of family."

To the contrary, the concept of a healthy, functioning family, she said, remains fundamental to the Na'amat principle that "society is stronger if the family is stronger."

Lubelsky is asked what her greatest frustration and achievement has been in the organization that has 850,00 members in Israel (by virtue of female affiliation within the Histadrut) and another 50,000 abroad.

The toughest part, she replies without a pause, has been to persuade the male bastions within Labor that women have an equal right to claim "an equal role in very high positions" (Golda Meir nothwithstanding).

Lubelsky is proudest that she has made Na'amat "more popular" in the sense of bringing more average working women, "not just intellectuals," into the organization.

"It took some years," she said, "to start to bring them together as part of every home that participated and identified."

It is also Lubelsky, working within Na'amat, who used statistics to first put issues like discrimination against women on the Israeli agenda.

And she is proud of that, too.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 4 issue, Rabbi Michael Wolff's article says, "We provide for our poor, our elderly, our rich, our refugees, and the State of Israel in an excellent fashion. The word "rich" should have read "sick." We regret the error.

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In the Nov. 18 issue, due to an unfortunate editing error, Arnold Ages Frontline article refers to the "irresponsible" Réal Caouette. It should have read the "irrepressible" Réal Caouette. We regret the error.

Front Line

Events are happening in Israel at a whirlwind pace

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

More is going on these days behind the headlines than is being told by them and Israelis are confused. What are they to believe? That the agreement with the Palestinians could come to nothing because of ongoing Arab terrorism and the retaliatory fury of hard-core Jewish settlers, or that the process has passed the point of no return and can only move forward? That the Syrian-Israeli talks are in deep crisis or that there is a general blueprint for compromise that is just waiting for a few related issues to be settled? And if it is true that nearly all outstanding issues between Jordan and Israel have been happily settled, why then has a treaty not been signed?

So much is happening behind the scene, that the media has lost the ability to know and to inform. What is reported is what's on the surface, but what really counts is the obscured rest. Think of a gigantic puzzle with its components almost ready to be assembled. As happened with the agreement with the PLO, only a handful of Israeli leaders — and perhaps only two — know where they want to go.

Shimon Peres is the resourceful architect of the complicated construction and his optimism, often overstated and disbelieved, is the public face of his resolution to reshape the Arab-Israeli relationship completely. But the full onus of responsibility is on Yitzhak Rabin, whose solid commitment to the country's security, his sound judgment and even his rough tactics are trusted by the majority of Israelis. The two have done more than any living Israelis to make their country as strong as it is now and both feel that it can take major risks for peace. Both are approaching the end of their long political careers and are determined to succeed.

Two months after the handshake on the White House lawn and less than a month before the Israel-PLO agreement is to materialize in Gaza and in Jericho, the two parties who had reached their accord in the solitary confinement of faraway Olso, need now some external assistance and continued public support at home. But the negotiators have achieved more than they dared to reveal to their constituents. And as time goes by and as the gap between progress and public knowledge widens, it becomes more and more difficult to close it by telling the people the whole story.

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In Israel and in the territories, where the two communities are divided into optimists, sceptics and opponents of peace, the agreement has not sufficiently energized the moderates but strongly motivated the most violent opponents to undermine it at all costs. The result is a curious community of interests between Arab and Jewish fanatics against the prospects of peace, regarded by both extremist groups as the enemy they must destroy. In fact, the almost daily terrorist attacks of Hamas have already succeeded in provoking the ultras amongst the settlers community into wild action.

And while the not yet installed PLO establishment is incapable of proving that it can impose its will on Hamas and even on defectors from its own ranks, the Israeli authorities, so far, were reluctant to adopt a heavyhanded policy against rioting Jewish fanatics. But the risk of losing control in the territories, which could well become the scene of two intifadas, is now forcing the government to change policy. The public is mature enough to understand reality and will certainly support strong measures taken against wild Jewish law-breakers as well.

Supporters and opponents of the peace process sense how expensive and painful a compromise is likely to be. Both sides feel that in the long run many settlements in the territories will have to be abandoned even if the option to maintain them in the Arab environment could, in theory, be contractually agreed upon by the parties. It is unthinkable that even the most fanatic settlers will chose to remain under Arab regimes.

The public also knows that a settlement with Syria will entail substantial changes on the Golan Heights, or will never be reached. Even on the emotional issue of Jerusalem, realism means that the urban unity of the city will have to be accompanied by considerations regarding the religious interests of its non-Jewish minorities and even, to some extent, of the national aspirations of the 150,000 Arab inhabitants. The self-imposed political taboos that now cloud these issues, are not helpful.

What delays the signature of an agreement with Jordan is a matter of timing and not of substance. Remember, that after the PLO-Israel agreement was signed, much nonsense was written about King Hussein's fears of a Palestinian takeover of Jordan, which Israel was said to have intentionally promoted by its agreement with Arafat. At a later stage, when it became evident that Israel and Jordan were getting closer than ever before, some unidentified sources here explained that King Hussein lacked the necessary courage to sign.

The truth is, that the inter-Arab relationship, however uneasy, requires at least the veneer of co-ordination. Indications are that a formal peace agreement between Israel and Jordan won't be signed until the other components of the peace-puzzle fall into place. This does not preclude some elements of the new Israel-Jordan relationship from being implemented before that.

Movement on all fronts will be enhanced as soon as the fog that covers the more complex Israeli-Syrian component is lifted. This will require an energetic input by the Americans who, like the Israelis, want to be satisfied that only iron-clad security arrangements on the Golan and in Lebanon will open the way to territorial adjustments in both areas. The once delayed but now forthcoming visit of Secretary of State Warren Christopher will mark a decisive effort to put the stalled trilateral negotiations with Damascus back on track.

It is no secret that Syria's major aim is to improve its relations with the United States and to see its name soon dropped from the list of terrorist countries. President Hafez Assad realizes that Israeli-U.S. relations are now particularly close and that the Clinton administration, while willing to change its policy vis-a-vis Syria, will not settle for half-measures. The recent flare-ups in southern Lebanon are an indication that Hezbollah, acting for Iran from Syrian held territory, wants to score points before their freedom of action could be severely impaired by an American-Syrian-Israeli deal. Syria's own inaction against Hezbolla, which amounts to complicity, is part of the same pre-bargaining posture in view of developments ahead. Damscus is therefore one capital to be watched closely during the next few weeks.

Young people should recognize wisdom of elders

By REUBEN BERGER

As the pace of life gains momentum on an almost daily basis, I see a rift that grows between young people and their grandparents and elders. Losing touch with these people we leave behind an important part of our cultural history. Re-establishing those bonds with our elders helps us in understanding ourselves and the world we live in.

It will be three years from this Dec. 1993 that my grandfather, Stephen E. Berger, passed away at the age of 90. Most people knew Stephen for his contribution to both the Jewish and general communities in Canada and Israel, being honorary president of the UJA and Man of the Quarter Century to name a few of his achievements. Many knew Stephen from their interaction with him in a board room or at a social gathering. Today I want to focus on the side of him that perhaps will reveal where he found peace.

For a number of years before his death, he had been confined to a bed physically as well as mentally. Being unable to speak, the only way to glimpse into his darkness was through his sparkling eyes and the occasional smiles. Perhaps this was an outward expression of a distant memory. As he lay in his hospital bed, his mind was free to transcend time and touch down on . . . those summer days he spent tending to his vibrant garden, the beautiful sounds he created with his violin during his youth, the joy from his family and his love for the natural world. I can imagine that some of the times when he smiled, he remembered a special dog, a relationship that grew and developed over 12 years of almost daily walks through blizzards, falling leaves, warm spring days and quiet misty mornings while the city still slept. One of these walks would be ingrained in his mind for eternity and handed down to others. . . .

Taking leave from Timmy, the Irish Terrier, By Stephen E. Berger

So, old boy, come on, we are going for a walk. Nothing new, mind you, we did this more or less since 12 long years twice a day.

But today is nonetheless a special day.

I start, you see, to take leave from you. The doctor said that your kidneys are a rapidly vanishing part of your cheerful life.

How nice, that I haven't the problem, whether I should tell you or not of your impending doom.

It is late in September, the sun is shining. If God had a concept of a peaceful world, when He created it, such is the day He must have had in mind.

So, Timmy, come, we go for a walk. This matter with your kidneys, you see, is just statistics. Good old veterinarians saw so many similar cases, so they judge your future by the knowledge of their statistics. But what is our whole science, than laws drawn from what we see consistent by happening. Let's not revolt against statistics, the odds are against us. For 12 years, we spent alone on walks 2,000 odd hours together. We started in '48, we both were spry and the world was new. The history of 12 years!

You love people (other dogs are brought up to hate). You caused as much pain as joy. Puppies will play and it will not be you: old men will go for walks and it won't be I.

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From what I can deduce, this story was written in September of 1959. For me it is one of the few pieces of written material that I have read by my grandfather. In a sense it has enabled me to understand my grandfather in a different light. It reveals how he saw the world around him, and it has given me a deeper understanding of an aspect of my grandfather that perhaps would explain his calmness and joy for life. The written word is eternal and although he has been gone now for close to three years we can still learn and we should not forget. For those who may have only known Stephen Berger in the boardroom, in a suit and tie, perhaps this story will enable us to see a new side. For young people I hope you seize the day and spend time with our most important fountains of knowledge and wisdom, our elders.

(Reuben Berger is an outdoor educator and environmental writer)

A joyous visit home becomes a journey in time

By JACK CHISVIN

The endless prairie wind sighed as it gently caressed the headstones. The cemetery is just beyond the city — where brick and concrete dissolve into grain fields. It is enclosed by a farm fence, and apart from an iron gate, is neither adorned nor landscaped. A fitting last resting place for the simple shtetl Jews who ended their stark lives, in a new land, where they hoped to build a better life for their children.

My grandchildren, who will live well into the twenty-first century, came with me to find their great-great-grandparents' grave: a rough cut granite monument inscribed "Yosef ben Israel Yacov — born 1876 died 1956." "Israel Yacov, that's your name, Zayde," said one of my grandchildren reading the inscription. There was I, the link in a continuous family chain that stretches across six generations and touches three centuries. So it was, my visit to Winnipeg to attend a grand- niece's bat mitzvah — a journey in time, as much as in space.

I travel to Winnipeg occasionally. It's always arrive, do my thing as quickly as possible, a short visit with family, and leave. I had no reason to believe it would be different this time, other than my stay was to last a little longer, and I was accompanied by my wife, children and grandchildren — 15 of us in total, improving the fortunes of Air Canada. Yet, in a way, the city in which I grew up, so familiar, was at the same time so strange.

A bat mitzvah is a common occurrence except when it is held at a summer camp, as did my grandniece's, at Camp Massad, an easy drive north of Winnipeg. What might have been a flaky birthday party or a parody, turned out to be a joyous experience, not institutionalized Judaism but an encounter with authentic spiritualism that reached into the Jewish heart. The perverse weather notwithstanding, in the intimacy and warmth of the camp recreational hall, fitted as a beit midrash, complete with an Aron Kodesh, like a tabernacle of biblical times, surrounded by family and close friends, it was truly a shomer — the heeding of Jewish observance.

Jack Chisvin

All present participated in the Shabbat service without a need to question their Jewish identity. For a sermon, the bat mitzvah's mother, my niece, spoke eloquently and persuasively, with a moral authority no less than that of a rabbi, communicating the love and meaning of Judaism to her daugher. The Israel Yacov whose name is inscribed on the tombstone would have been proud of what he bequeathed his descendants.

During the course of the weekend festivites, I managed a walk through St. John's Park, on the banks of the Red River. I could see and hear children racing their bicycles on the hard footpaths that run alongside the river. They were the same kids that I raced with over fifty years ago, only their bicycles were different. We had hand-me-down Raleighs and CCMs. They rode multi-geared exotic machines.

The last time I was on the Red River, I was on skates. In early winter, before it was covered in deep snow, the river became a large skating rink, home of a continuous hockey game. When players arrived and joined one side or the other while the game was in progress — everyone played simultaneously, without line changes — the goals, a pair of jam pails, were moved to provide more skating room. As frostbite and angry mothers took their toll and the number of players diminished, the goals were moved closer together again until by time darkness set in, they were in their original position. Some of these players went on to become famous hockey stars, the Jewish boys went on to university.

A few years ago, a national magazine ran an article about all the people who came from Winnipeg: achievers in politics, the arts, medicine, business, sports and may I modestly say even engineering. When asked why they left Winnipeg, they gave various answers, alluding to the same thing but none being very explicit. How do you explain the shock of one day, as you are growing up, realizing you are trapped in the jaws of a freezing Winnipeg winter, without any way to escape. You could remain ensconsed in ice and no one would know you existed. And then, a lifetime later you return and after revisiting every childhood scene, you discover in retrospect what a great place it is. Fabulous sunsets, endless skies, northern lights, blizzards, floods, and ah, mosquitoes. The flatness of the land is such that as you stand up you can see forever and you tower into space — you are tall, even if you only measure 5'7."

To come back to where I started was a unique happening. It's not everyday I have the opportunity to answer "about three blocks west, and four blocks north," when asked if I came from some place around here. At that time it was a place where riches were not in money, nor in land, but in family camaraderies. It was a place where there was respect for each other's dignity, where decency and generosity ruled and where one was infused with elevated aspirations which were at the same time sensibly realistic. It was a place that nurtured achievers.

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Closing the circle after 500 years

Spain was the last Western European nation to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel. Burdened by dark, painful memories of the past, weighed down by almost half a century of fascist authoritarianism, and anxious to preserve its commercially lucrative connection with the Arab and Muslim worlds, Spain delayed the inevitable. Finally, in 1986, Spain and Israel established relations. But with King Juan Carlos' state visit to Jerusalem earlier this month, the first by a ruling European monarch, Spain and Israel have taken a giant leap in expanding their promising bilateral relationship.

During the king's three-day visit, which Israeli officials described as a resounding success, the two nations signed seven agreements and thus paved the way for greater economic co-operation in the future. Dozens of industrialists accompanied Juan Carlos, and they are expected to inject a renewed sense of vigor into Israeli-Spanish trade, which has grown from about $30 million to $440 million (U.S.) in the past decade.

Observers also believe that Spain, with its pervasive influence in Arab capitals, will now redouble its efforts to combat the insidious Arab economic boycott, which has cost Israel an estimated $50 billion since its foundation.

Spain, too, will doubtless use its political clout to promote Israel's historic agreement with the PLO, a watershed which may yet lead to an overall Arab-Israeli peace accord. As the host of the 1991 Madrid peace process, Spain is exceedingly qualified to play that kind of a constructive role.

Last but not least, Juan Carlos' presence in Israel was of deep symbolic importance — Spain's final act of reconciliation with world Jewry. Last year, on the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, Juan Carlos visited a synagogue in Madrid and called for harmony between Jews and Spaniards. With his visit to Israel, Juan Carlos has closed the circle.

Sartorial splendour in Jewish history

The Hebrew Bible, in the sections dealing with the priestly vestments, records that the purpose of the elaborate clothing and accessories worn by the high priest was lekhavod uletiforet — for honor and splendor.

Throughout history Jews have donned their sartorial best on the Sabbath and Jewish festivals in order to bring honor to the Torah and Judaism.

One thinks, for example, of Rembrandt and the elegantly dressed Jewish men and women he was able to capture in his paintings of the denizens of the Amsterdam ghetto in the 17th century.

In his book *A History of the Jewish Costume*, Alfred Rubens devotes many pages of text and illustrations to document the way in which many Polish, Russian and Ukrainian Jews, through the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, expressed their religious commitment and ethnic identity through special garb. The long coat, fur hat and other adornments were not, moreover, the exclusive preserve of chassidic Jews.

There are theories which allow that the distinctive clothes which one tends to associate with chassidic and ultra Orthodox Jews today derive from the dressing habits of the Russian and Polish nobility.

It will be much harder to propose a satisfactory theory to explain the new fashion statement being made by the Paris designer, Jean Paul Gaultier, who is looking for a different kind of honor and splendor as he attempts to market a new brand of clothing based on tzitzit, the shtreiml, and the kapoteh.

In his boutique on the rue Vivienne passers-by can gaze at a delicate lace yarmulke and other approximations of what he would undoubtedly refer to as "chassidic chic."

Gaultier, who says that his new clothes are a statement against the resurgence of anti-Semitism in Europe, is affixing his own designer label and signature in Yiddish on the new fashion; however, the Yiddish version of his name contains a spelling error.

Imitation, it is said, is the sincerest form of flattery.

In this case, we're not sure.

KING CARLOS VISITS ISRAEL

Spain's King Juan Carlos opened his three-day trip to Israel with Queen Sofia this week declaring: "I bring the affectionate greetings of all the Spanish people to all the people of Israel". [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

DID RABIN BLUNDER?

Not only does Arafat hardly condemn cold-blooded murders committed by other "factions" of the PLO, but we now know that his own baby — Fatah — incinerated Haim Mizrahi. It is conceivable that other murders were carried out by Fatah too.

Rabin's blunder is being noted by more Israelis and polls now show that a majority are in favor of a real peace i.e. without this agreement (*Ma'ariv*, Nov. 12). It is time for this man and his minority government to go the way of the mayors of Jerusalem, Eilat, Bat Yam and the rest — democratically and decisively.

(Dr.) Michael Wilschanski
Gush Etzion
Israel

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NO HOLOCAUST DENIAL

Ralph J. Niessen's hateful diatribe in response to Malgorzata Dzieduszycka's plea for balance in Polish-Jewish relations does not merit response but for the headline above his letter (Nov. 4): Holocaust Denial?

Dzieduszycka represents the government of Poland, a country where denying the Holocaust would be tantamount to denying its own history. To keep this letter brief, I will quote just one item of documentary evidence, which encapsulates the Polish view of the Holocaust during the war, and in Polish historiography:

"The Directorate of Civil Resistance (of the Polish Underground) issued the following proclamation in September 1942:

"The tragic fate that befell the Polish people, decimated by the foe, is now compounded by the monstrous, planned slaughter of the Jews that has been carried on in our country for nearly a year. These mass murders are without precedent in the history of the world, and all cruelties known to man pale beside them."

In short, there was no denial then. There is none now. While there were serious distortions under Communist rule, that regime was installed by terror and never represented the people.

Dzieduszycka invited dialogue. Niessen's outburst contributed nothing to the subject of Polish-Jewish history, nor to his own country's reputation for moderation.

Irene Tomaszewski
Montreal

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FILM BEHAVIOR OFFENDS

At the Israeli film festival, the noise of the arrival of a large contingent of Israelis seemed inversely proportionate to their numbers. For those who wished to avail themselves of the seats in our row, where we were the only occupants, our knees seemed to be an obstacle that needed to be removed, rather than circumnavigated.

As the lights dimmed the voices rose. Incessant chatter in Ivrit seemed to accompany the documentary about Israel. Latecomers did not, as is customary in my English homeland, wait for their eyes to grow accustomed to the darkness. Far be it for them to waste valuable talking time when names can be bellowed out. This produced a response similar to that experienced in films attended by juveniles, when I was engaged in such practices at an early age. Not only did the targeted individual respond with shouts and gesticulations, but a number of others who, conceivably were namesakes of the person sought, also deigned to shout and wave — presumably to disorient the hapless filmgoer in the aisle.

Another disappointment was the lack of English subtitles. I disdained the attempts of my Hebrew-speaking companion to explain some of the nuances of the dialogue, suggesting that it would detract from her enjoyment of the film.

My concentration on the spoken words, trying to correlate what I heard with the vowel-less words on the screen, was occasionally shattered by the man who sat a couple of seats away from me. When he was not coming and going to who knows where, he managed to manoeuvre the chewing gum around his mouth in a fashion that augmented the soundtrack when the IDF were trudging through dense, waterlogged undergrowth. Fortunately, he left before the end, without returning.

As we filed out into the cool night air, I was somewhat disappointed. Both in the presentation and representation of the film to non-Hebrew speaking people like myself who wish to participate in an Israeli cultural event, and in the behavior of my fellow filmgoers.

Neil R. Nathan
Downsview

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BELLOW AND SACHS

In his column on Jews and Nobel Prizes, (Oct. 28) Rabbi Gunther Plaut neglected to mention that Saul Bellow and Nelly Sachs were also awarded the prize for literature.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Plaut for drawing attention to *Parchment*. When Rabbi Plaut quotes Matthew Arnold we may certainly apply those words to the rabbi himself who moves society forward because of his dedication and conviction.

Michael Greenstein
Toronto

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THE BIG MAC STORY

In your interview with George Cohon in the Nov. 4 issue of *The CJN*, your readers are treated to a graphic description of a Big Mac [in a quotation from Cohon]: "Two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, onions on a sesame seed bun. It's a great sandwich."

In case you were not aware, mixtures of milk and meat are forbidden by Jewish law. To those of your readers who care about Jewish law and traditions, the extolling of the virtues of the Big Mac on the pages of the community Jewish newspaper is repugnant, disgusting, and an insult to all those values they hold dear.

Certainly, George Cohon is a respected businessman and communal activist, and is worthy of honor. However, I'm sure that you could have published an interview without violating the sensibilities of a significant proportion of your readership. There is currently enough misunderstanding and divisiveness in the Toronto Jewish community, without *The CJN* fanning the flames. I really expect higher standards from a newspaper which claims to represent the entire Jewish community.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

Opinion

University chair to study reasons for suicides

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Reasons for suicide. Less than a year ago a young man took his life in Toronto. He came from a well-known family, was brilliant and had a bright future. He studied medicine, graduated and had begun to make a contribution to the medical world. But he had a problem; he suffered from repeated bouts of deep depression and in the end he could not stand the pain and took his life. It was one of the many tragedies of a similar nature that dot our human landscape — years of life remaining unfulfilled. But somehow the death of Dr. Arthur Sommer Rotenberg spurred his family and friends to do something about the spreading tide of suicide, which has engulfed so many parts of our society, and especially the young.

Now those who loved Arthur, those who knew him and admired him, those who mourned for him, and those who know that something needs to be done, have banded together and established a fund which, once the monies are collected, will make it possible to have a special chair at the University of Toronto to study the why's of suicide.

They have been studied before, but never has there been the kind of concentrated effort that will now be made in an area that few people speak about. The subject is still largely taboo in our society, just as cancer was once. When someone died of that disease, people would fudge and pretend that death had other reasons. Today the study of cancer has become part of national and international consciousness. Thus, it is hoped, it will be with the study of suicide. People will begin to talk about its incidence as well as its reality. It happens, and all too often it happens amongst us.

Rabbi Plaut

Truth is that we know very little about it. Perhaps this is connected to the incontrovertible fact that none of us can really imagine himself or herself dead. We can imagine it for others but not for ourselves. Maybe it is this inability to confront the absoluteness of physical death that permits people to think about suicide and then commit it. To ferret this out is part of the purpose of the research which will be conducted through the Arthur Sommer Rotenberg Fund.

From its inception, Judaism has been unequivocal about suicide. Life is a gift from God and it must not be taken. Denying God's greatest gift was considered the ultimate sin.

Yet there were exceptions. Prominent Biblical personages like Samson and Saul who ended their lives voluntarily were exonerated because they were facing desecration and mutilation along with torture. Those who took their lives as an act of martyrdom and died al kiddush ha-Shem (to sanctify God's name) where equally excepted from the condemnation. So were children who were deemed to be of unsound mind. Otherwise, however, the ban stood and stands.

Yet, interpretation of the ancient law has convinced most rabbinic scholars that in almost every instance a person who commits suicide is not in full control of his or her mind, and therefore the ancient ritual and social penalties are less applied. We no longer punish, but try to understand.

Now we are confronted with new variations of suicide, and they too have to be dealt with. In the Netherlands, assisted suicide is permissible, within limits, but in Canada it is not. The debate has become public and has caught the headlines. Meanwhile, a host of questions confront us:

Why do boys and men take their lives more often than girls and women? What are the pressures that cause a young child or a teenager to go the route of self-destruction?

Why does Ontario, with but a third of the nation's population, have half of its suicides?

Why do older people take their lives in increasing measure?

What psychological and physiological functions are initiated by the counselling that takes place over a remote telephone line to a Distress Centre? Just what is the nature of attempted self-destruction?

Is it possible to consider some occurrences of coma to be attempts of ending one's life and sending a message to the family?

The opportunities for research are literally endless and they are pressing. We know very little about counselling families who are struck by the sudden departure of a loved one. Suicide is still a socially unacceptable way of dealing with the pressures and problems of life, and it will always be the problem of the survivors. (See also the autobiographical article by John Bentley Mays in the latest issue of *Saturday Night*.)

The first steps have been taken and doors have been opened. Since we are dealing with the very essence of existence, this whole scientific enterprise acquires the aura of a religious undertaking.

PLO's lack of cohesive policy creating unease

By ALON BEN-MEIR

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's belated condemnation of the recent slaying of an Israeli settler in the West Bank by members of the Fatah faction did little to calm enraged Israelis. For many of them, episodes such as these offer a preview of what can be expected from an unreliable partner to the peace process which has caused serious erosion in the popular support for the Israeli-PLO agreement.

Both the Rabin government and PLO leaders must now find a way to prevent such an incident from recurring and restore a critically needed measure of confidence into the peace process if further progress is to be made. The onus, however, falls in particular on the PLO's shoulders whose ambiguities and lack of cohesive policy in conveying the agreement to the Palestinians in the streets have greatly contributed to this unfortunate development.

It is understood that the PLO cannot control every renegade who is determined to kill an Israeli just for the sake of killing or for the purpose of undermining the peace. The problem is that in their communication with the Palestinians, especially in the Arabic language, the PLO does not convey with accuracy their true understanding with Israel. Their tendency has always been to exaggerate the importance of the Israeli concessions while making misleading representations which have no basis in the agreement such as: "we will see to it that every Israeli settlement is dismantled," or "with God's help we will preside over the removal of the last Israeli soldier from every square inch of our land." These kind of postulations lead some members of the PLO to assume that violent struggle against Israel is still legitimate particularly when such acts by Hamas and others have not been immediately and strongly condemned by their leaders.

The other problem the PLO faces is the lack of a managerial apparatus that understands the Palestinian temperament in the territories and that has a clear mandate to implement policies. Obviously this could not be developed overnight. Still, the PLO traditionally has been managed by a small elite group which finds it hard to delegate responsibility especially when suspicion and distrust within the organization is rampant and when secrecy and personal security is paramount. The PLO's inability to transmit its directives to the street level often leaves a vacuum readily exploited by Hamas which opposes the peace or by those who feel left out of the process.

The third major problem is the PLO's lack of appreciation of the psychological ramifications on the Israelis that result from senseless acts of terror. Even though the killing and the stabbing of innocent Israelis was more frequent prior to the agreement, such hideous acts have entirely different psychological implications in the post agreement period. Indiscriminate slaying evokes much stronger concern and revulsion especially among Israelis who are still divided over the whole prospect for peace and are looking for positive signs to satisfy themselves of the PLO's good intentions. Instead they find an equivocating PLO leadership utterly indifferent to their concerns and anxieties.

More important, the PLO's failure to immediately condemn these violent acts in the past, regardless of their source, have made the PLO's prolonged silence this time the more deafening. Blaming it on undisciplined youth with no political conviction is a poor excuse that exasperates rather than eases the tension.

The PLO's tough talk in reference to the Israelis leaves the Palestinian general public with the impression that only a dual strategy of diplomacy and militancy would be effective against Israel. The PLO must make it abundantly clear that killing Israelis is a Palestinian problem, and it will be to the detriment of the Palestinian people and the entire peace process if Israel is left with no option other than the use of excessive force to end the killings.

The Rabin government must, too, be more forthcoming with information regarding the fate of the settlements. The fact that the settlers have been left in the dark raises their fears, concerns and anxieties for the future. Their response to violent attacks against them is often not rational. Under the enormous pressure of uncertainty and constant danger they tend to respond with zeal to unprovoked violence against which they would have, otherwise, acted with some restraint.

Further, Israeli security forces should begin, as soon as possible, to work with the Palestinian internal security police. Obviously, co-ordination of internal security is an extremely sensitive issue for many Palestinians, but then, sooner or later Palestinian and Israeli security forces must work together, and the sooner full co-ordination begins the better.

Continuing violent acts against the Israelis will only stiffen the Rabin government's position which, as a democratic government, must heed public opinion. The extent and the pace of Israeli concessions and the progress toward a comprehensive peace will largely depend on the PLO's ability and willingness to live up to the letter and the spirit of the agreement. This includes containing violence, condemning it when it happens and disciplining the offenders.

Failing to take such a strong stand to end violence, the PLO by its own inaction instead condemn the peace process and render the Palestinian cause a serious blow.

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Canada's many voices must learn to speak as one

By ISAAC ARY

My father was a painting contractor. He sometimes brought me to work with him. I was young then and the workplace was a totally different environment for me. This was a world of strong men with strong opinions. These men had learned their trade through hard work, under conditions most of us would find deplorable. They were for the most part uneducated people who had grown accustomed to a work environment filled with plaster dust, paint solvents, titanium, white lead, oil and so on.

At times, while exploring a new construction site, I would happen upon several workers involved in a heated argument. They stood there, shouting and looking at each other threateningly. It did not take long for me to realize that they were upset with one man's mistake, which had cost them extra labor.

For me, it was like watching a battle of the giants. It did not happen often, so if and when it did, I would stand by and watch, silently.

By the time I became a teenager the great battles of the giants had become less interesting to me. I would often speak on a personal level with the workers, listening as they related their stories to me. Those stories filled my mind with images of where they had come from, what their youth was like, how they had survived the war, what had become of their families and friends.

In time I began to see them in a more sober light. I saw them as men who prided themselves in their ability to work hard in order to achieve their needs. I began to see that not knowing the language, or the ways of other nations, was in no way equated with ignorance or stupidity. Reacting toward people that way is prejudice.

These workers had no choice but to learn a new language while attempting to assimilate into another culture. In those days there was no subway to take across the city. Most rode streetcars or buses, while many walked, carrying their tools with them. Hard economic times, cruel conditions, harsh winters, and feeling they were an imposition on their friends and families combined to test their endurance. Still, they chose to stay.

Among these laborers were some master tradesmen who had come from the old country. They were always in competition to do the best job, make the most profit and still have the respect of their fellow workers. In spite of the unimaginable loss they had suffered in their lives, they somehow could accomplish works of art in their trade while being honest and sincere in their appreciation of another's expertise. The workplace was their domain. To exist in it one had to prove his worth.

These laborers and tradesmen are only a small representation of a much larger force of men and women who, in many varied ways, built the city of Montreal, where I grew up and now live. Although almost all those I knew have faded from the scene, I sometimes will hear of some work they had done elsewhere.

They came from different cultures, different backgrounds. Many had been prisoners in concentration camps. All of them had tasted fear, hatred, persecution and torment in ways which the majority of today's youth in the free world will never know. Yet each found a simple and clear reason to accept this place as a new home, the fact that here they could elevate themselves so their children would never have to start from the bottom. They worked and saved enough to afford a home of their own, where they could raise their children. This meant more to those people than we can imagine.

They made a tremendous contribution to our society as well as to the future of this country. Working people make up a vital part of our identity as Canadians. We all should care about the society we share. It is, after all, up to us to ensure its evolution and well-being.

There has been a lot of sacrifice made by people who believed in the greatness of our country. We must let go of the concept that we should have been handed a perfect situation. They did what they could. All people — natives, French, English, immigrants and refugees, whether they be white, red, black, or yellow by race — are faced by problems here. It is an imperfect world, and this is part of it. Those who preceded us did not give up, did not quit or wither away in the face of trouble. They stayed their ground. Canada is solid because of what we as a society are made of.

Our forefathers worked hard for a better future and it's time we did the same. We all want a better life. We must find a way to make the fruits of that endeavor our own. I believe that the time has come when meaningful dialogue can develop between all the peoples of this land so that Canada's many voices can learn to speak as one. We need to focus our trust on leaders with vision, people who comprehend the nature of Canada enough to wisely guide the peoples of this country into the next century in a clear, intelligent way.

Let's not give up on the efforts of those sincerely wanting the best for us all, but instead find ways to evolve as a strong nation, respected throughout the world as a place of true opportunity.

Isaac Ary operates a paint store in Montreal, which was established by his father 30 years ago.

Features

Russian trial stirs emotions

Reporting from Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner delves into a court case turning on anti-Semitism.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

More than 70 years after the *Times* of London exposed it as a malicious forgery, the notorious *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is once again stirring deep emotions.

A late 19th century tract concocted by czarist officials, the *Protocols* describes a non-existent meeting of world Jewish leaders at which a plot was hatched to undermine Christian civilization and achieve global domination.

A sickening staple of Nazi propaganda and neo-Nazi ideology, the *Protocols* has been reprinted in many languages and to this day is a primer for anti-Semitic agitators wherever they may be found.

For about the past year, the *Protocols* has figured prominently in a sensational trial in Moscow which pits the editor of the *Jewish Gazette* — the largest Jewish newspaper in Russia — against the leader of Pamyat, an anti-Semitic movement banned by the Russian government in the aftermath of the failed Oct. 4 putsch in Moscow.

The defendant is Tancred Golenpolsky, a specialist in American studies and an acquaintance of former Soviet head of state Mikhail Gorbachev. The plaintiff is Dmitri Vasiliev, a photographer and former actor who sued the *Jewish Gazette* for libel after it printed a roundup of the anti-Semitic press in Russia. High on its list was a newspaper published by Pamyat, which had serialized the *Protocols*.

Pamyat is the generic name for several anti-Semitic groups in Moscow, St. Petersburg and other Russian cities. Vasiliev's group, which launched the suit, is known as the National Patriotic Front Pamyat.

At the heart of the case is Vasiliev's fantastic claim that he is *not* an anti-Semite. He contends that he cannot be tarred with the brush of anti-Semitism because Pamyat favors such Semitic groups as Arabs and Assyrians.

Golenpolsky, of course, rejects that as a cynical and specious ploy. "Pamyat is fascist beyond any doubt," he said. "Instead of saying 'dirty kike,' it says 'Zionist.' "

Rafael Fineberg, the executive vice-president of the Jewish Cultural Association and an authority on anti-Semitism, is thoroughly convinced that Pamyat is patently anti-Jewish.

Pamyat, he explained, blames Jews for having staged the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, the Stalinist reign of terror and glasnost, which sowed the seeds of the Soviet Union's demise. Pamyat also considers Jews a "malignant" factor in Russian culture, and believes their role in the mass media should be drastically curtailed.

In the eyes of the court, however, Vasiliev's attitude to Jews is irrelevant. The case really hinges on whether Golenpolsky's lawyer can prove to court-appointed experts that the *Protocols* is indeed a forgery.

It may seem amazing, in this day and age, that so vile and transparent a document as the *Protocols* must be debunked to the satisfaction of the authorities.

Jewish newspaper editor pitted against Pamyat propagandist

But this case is not unique.

A court in South Africa in 1991 pronounced the *Protocols* false and banned it on the grounds that it could foment anti-Jewish violence. In a similar case in Switzerland 60 years ago, a court reached the same conclusions. And in 1927, Henry Ford — the car magnate — was forced to publicly disavow anti-Semitic statements, based on the *Protocols*, his Dearborn, Michigan, newspaper had printed.

Golenpolsky, 62, has no idea how his legal wrangle with Pamyat will end. But for the sake of Russia's international image and its Jewish community, he fervently hopes that Pamyat's suit will be thrown out.

Regardless of how it's finally resolved, the *Protocols* continues to be sold openly and widely distributed throughout Russia.

And though shocking it may be, the *Protocols* has an enduring hold on some members of the Russian elite.

Last March, the archbishop of St. Petersburg and the second-highest ranking figure in the Russian Orthodox church, Metropolitan Johann, wrote an article for the now-banned *Sovietskaya Rossiya* in which he gave credence to the *Protocols*.

As he put it: "Whether the *Protocols* are true or not... they give us great material for thought because world history corresponds in detail to the plans stated in the *Protocols*...

Metropolitan Johann is also the author of another controversial article in which he dredged up the infamous myth of Jewish blood libel, an outrageous calumny which *Pravda*, now also banned, published last summer and later retracted.

To some, it may seem that the Russian Orthodox hierarchy is inextricably anti-Semitic, given Metropolitan Johann's incredible opinions and the refusal of its priests to testify in the Pamyat versus *Jewish Gazette* battle.

In actual fact, the church is divided over anti-Semitism.

Alexei II, its patriarch, has condemned anti-Semitism and advocated dialogue between Judaism and Russian Orthodox Christianity. But his conciliatory views have been attacked by the church's reactionary wing, which appears influential.

Anti-Semitism has been, and continues to be, a potent force in Russian society.

On a visit to Israel in April 1992, the then Russian vice-president, Alexsandr Rutskoi, admitted that anti-Semitism was on the upswing and that not enough was being done by the government to counteract it. (Rutskoi, one of the ringleaders of the October 1993 parliamentary revolt, is now under arrest).

In November 1992, parliament's human rights committee held hearings on anti-Semitism, something that had never happened before. The committee concluded that anti-Semitism and xenophobia are on the rise in the former Soviet Union.

In 1991, Gorbachev, through a spokesman, issued a statement against anti-Semitism. But the current Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, has yet to make a public declaration on the subject.

According to Golenpolsky, who's considered Rutskoi's friend, Yeltsin once said he was not aware of the existence of anti-Semitism in Russia. In the late 1980s, when Yeltsin was a member of the ruling Soviet politburo, he received a Pamyat delegation.

Under communism, particularly after World War II, state anti-Semitism was the bane of Russia's Jewish population. But since the collapse of the Soviet Union at the end of 1991, state anti-Semitism has died and grassroots anti-Semitism has flourished.

Fineberg, who monitors anti-Semitism for the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities, believes that popular anti-Semitism is widespread and that some politicians are not loath to exploit it.

With Russia in political and economic crisis since the dissolution of communism, old and heretofore suppressed open expressons of anti-Semitism have bubbled to the surface.

Earlier this year, Robert Brym — a University of Toronto sociologist — published his findings of anti-Semitic attitudes in *Slavic Review*. Brym found that, while five percent of the adult population in the United States consists of hard-core anti-Semites, the percentage in Moscow is three and a half times higher.

As well, Brym found that the level of anti-Semitism is higher among the elderly, less educated, pensioners, homemakers, state employees, low income earners and women. And he discovered that anti-Semitic feelings are generally associated with the view that the West is responsible for Russia's current problems.

Pamyat, which emerged in the early 1980s and was quietly supported by elements of the Communist party and the KGB, adopted and articulated this line of thought.

According to scholar Walter Laqueur, Vasiliev — one of Pamyat's leading lights — contends that "international Zionism" is trying by whatever means to transform the Russian people into the slaves of the Zionist movement.

But Vasiliev, vocal though he may be, has never been the most dangerous extremist in Russia. His late colleague, Konstantin Smirnov-Ostashvili, who was handed a two-year prison sentence in 1990 for inciting "inter-ethnic hatred" and who committed suicide some six months later, was far more radical.

Alexander Barkashov, who broke away from Vasiliev in 1991 and now heads the banned and numerically small Russian National Assembly, is also considered one of Russia's most incendiary radicals.

A former Soviet military advisor in Egypt, Barkashov maintains that Jews are disloyal and should be expelled fvrom Russia. He has denounced Vasiliev for being too soft on the so-called Jewish question.

***Jewish Gazette* editor Tancred Golenpolsky with Mikhail Gorbachev.**

Before Yeltsin's recent crackdown on right-wing periodicals, Russia was flooded by 20 to 25 overtly anti-Semitic publications with an estimated readership of 640,000, according to Fineberg. Newspapers such as *Russky Vestnik* (Russian Courier), *Russkoye Vozrozhdeniya* (Russin Revival) and *Dyen* (Day) could easily be bought at newsstands. *Dyen* is now banned, but whether other anti-Semitic newspapers have suffered a similar fate is unclear.

Prior to Oct. 4, newspapers like *Dyen* routinely violated Soviet-era laws designed to protect national minorities against "incitement to racial and national enmity." But this legislation is widely deemed toothless because intent is exceedingly difficult to prove.

And, charges Anatoly Shabad, a Russian parliamentarian, Russia's police are "apathetic" in the face of reports of racial attacks.

Last June, after the Lubavitch shul in Moscow was firebombed, a group of youths, shouting anti-Semitic slogans, broke several windows of Moscow's stately Choral Synagogue and drew swastikas on a front pillar outside the main entrance.

The police were called but they did not arrive until well after the attackers had fled. What's more they regarded the incident as "hooliganism" rather than anti-Semitism..

In July, a gang of youths wearing black uniforms threw bricks through two of the synagogue's windows and tried to break down the main doors. In this instance, the police response was also slow.

After the second raid, the synagogue hired an armed guard. But in September, vandals once again smashed a window.

Despite such occurrences, anti-Semitism has not reached epidemic proportions in Russia. Economic chaos, the threat of political instability and family reunification are still the leading causes of Jewish emigration.

But, judging by the age-old hatreds which still flare up in Russia, anti-Semitism is not too far behind.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

With the fall of communism and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, a foreboding political vacuum has emerged in Russia, despite strong-handed efforts by Russian President Boris Yeltsin to preserve stability. Who will eventually rule this vast, continent-size nation? Democrats, conservatives or reactionaries?

The far right — a long-ignored, malevolent force in Russian politics — is waiting in the wings to seize power, hoping to take advantage of the uncertainties in Russia today.

Walter Laqueur's perceptive book, *Black Hundred: The Rise of the Extreme Right in Russia* (Harper Collins, $37.95), is a rigorous analysis of the dark forces, past and present, which threaten the well-being of Russian democracy.

In the last years of Soviet communism, a new generation of writers on the extreme right rediscovered the Black Hundred, a catchall term for various far-right groups which thrived from the turn of the century until 1917, the year of the Bolshevik Revolution.

The Black Hundred were both social progressives and pogromists. They supported policies to improve the living standard of peasants. They backed agrarian reform. But since they were fixated on Jews, the supposed source of all evil in holy Russia, they instigated numerous pogroms.

The far right in Russia

Flotsam and jetsam clung to the Black Hundred, but they also attracted the support of a curious mixture of the aristocracy and elements of the petite bourgeoise. The czar hailed the Black Hundred, calling them a "shining example of justice and order."

After the imposition of communism, the Black Hundred ceased to exist. Yet Russian fascist parties existed abroad, and they were instrumental in publishing that notorious forgery, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Theoretically, communism disavowed anti-Semitism. In practice, however, anti-Semitism never died. Laqueur, a leading authority on Russia, points to the publication of Trofim Kichko's *Judaism Without Embellishment* (1963) as a prime example of Moscow's glaring indifference to crass anti-Semitism disguised as anti-Zionism. Occasionally, such works were criticized or even temporarily withdrawn. But they were never delegitimized.

To Laqueur, the main historical role of Moscow's anti-Zionist campaign — which lasted for nearly 25 years — was to provide "some continuity" between czarist and communist anti-Semitism.

The new anti-Semites, some of whom were loyal communist functionaries, claim that Jews were prominently involved in the communist movement and thus had brought misery on the Russian people. But there are others, like Genadi Shimanov, a leader of the extreme right before and during glasnost, who claim that capitalism *and* communism were invented by Jews.

As might be expected, Laqueur deals at length with Pamyat, the generic name for several fascist, anti-Jewish organizations which began as historical-patriotic associations. He claims that highly-placed apparatchiks in the Communist party favorably regarded Pamyat as a counterweight to liberalism. Laqueur draws fascinating pen portraits of two of Pamyat's leading lights, Dmitri Vasiliev, a former photographer and actor, and Konstantin Smirnov-Ostashvili, a factory foreman who committed suicide after being packed off to a labor camp.

Laqueur writes that, until the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991, mainstream Russian rightists had not universallly embraced "extreme anti-Semitism." The "Jewish question" was no longer of importance.

Nevertheless, in the eyes of the extreme right, Jews remain Russia's main enemy.

The late Lazar Kaganovich, Stalin's Jewish crony, is derided as a figure of demonic power, more powerful than Stalin himself. The number of Jewish university students is too high. Moscow should not have restored diplomatic relations with Israel.

For various reasons, Laqueur doubts whether full-fledged fascism can assert itself in Russia. But in his view, an authoritarian system seems more probable.

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah we read the account of the dramatic encounter between Yaakov Avinu (our Patriarch Jacob) and the angel of Esau. Generally, we tend to understand the stories of the Torah in a very superficial and juvenile manner, which is unfortunate. We are often influenced by the impressions that remain with us from the time we were taught the story in afternoon Hebrew School; by pictures we see in children's story books; or by the way Hollywood pictorializes the events. None of these are very authentic, and thus we arrive at a very distorted picture of the message the Torah is trying to teach us.

In truth, every word of the Torah is Divine, and has couched within it many sisrei Torah (Torah secrets). Sometimes from one letter we learn many intricate laws. We also have a Torah axiom that massei avos siman l'banim, the events that transpired with our patriarchs are signs of what will happen in future generations. Thus, the Torah is always a relevant and breathing Divine document that talks to every man and woman throughout all time. What is one of those lessons that we can learn from the wrestling match between Jacob and Esau's angel? —

The Torah states: ". . . And he [the angel] saw that he was unable to overpower him [Jacob] so he twisted Jacob's thigh." Comments the Zohar: "bekaf yereicho, eilu tomchin d'oraisah — his thigh, this alludes to those who support Torah learning."

The struggle between Esau and Jacob is an everlasting one until Mashiach arrives. Esau represents in the world all that is counter to Torah learning and observance. Jacob represents the Torah — its learning and observance. The world was created for a purpose. The blueprint for its creation, says the Zohar, was the Torah. Yisrael v'oraisa, v'Kudsha Brich Hu, chad hu — Israel, the Torah, and the Almighty are one. They are inseparable.

Through the Torah and its teaching Israel accepted both the privilege and the responsibility to be a light unto the nations. The Torah is often misunderstood as a Torah that requires actions and commitments only between man and HaShem. The other testament, l'havdil, is looked upon as one that emphasizes love and respect of one's fellowman. But this is far from the truth. Anyone knowledgeable of our Torah knows to what extent it teaches and requires the latter.

But etiquette not rooted in Torah law has no permanence. Today this is fashionable , tomorrow something else will be the fad or norm. Torah never changes; it is immutable. And thus the sensitivities that it teaches between man and man summed up in the famous mitzvah of the Torah. "And you shall love your fellowman as yourself" never change. Although, of course, they are adaptable and applicable to all situations.

Thus, Torah is the root for all living — it is the goal of creation both for Israel, and as a result of Israel's conduct, for the rest of the world, too.

That is why we find no struggle between Abraham or Isaac and an angel of the counterforces. Explains the Chofetz Chaim: "Esau's angel could tolerate the trait of kindness that Abraham represented. He could even put up with the religious service and worship that Isaac represented. But he knew that he would have no power to exert his destructive forces against Torah learning and observations that is represented by Jacob."

Thus, when the angel of Esau realized that he wasn't going to be able to overpower Jacob himself, meaning the actual study and observance of Torah, he resorted to the next best thing. He tried to attack the supporters of Torah learning.

Unfortunately, today, Esau's angel is trying very hard to attack this support. We have been faced with a recession that has depleted many millions of dollars from longstanding contributions to Torah. At the same time we have many even within our own fold, who have the means to pick up the slack and who are able to lend a helping hand. Unfortunately they, too, wish to attack support to yeshivot and institutions of Torah learning, by withholding this support.

I have no quarrels with those who support hospitals, UJA and a host of other worthy charities. But until we realize the supreme importance of supporting the lifeblood of the nation of Israel, Torah study and the institutions that promote it, we shall ever be victims of "the attack in the thigh" that Esau's angel sought to accomplish in that dramatic struggle many thousands of years ago.

Clinton signs religious freedom bill

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups joined religious organizations from all corners of American society in hailing President Clinton's signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act last week at the White House.

At a festive ceremony on the lawn of the Old Executive Office Building Clinton signed the bill making it harder for the government to infringe upon the free exercise of religion.

"We all have a shared desire here to protect perhaps the most precious of all American liberties, religious freedom," Clinton said, flanked by Vice President Al Gore.

The new law honors "the principle that our laws and institutions should not impede or hinder, but rather should protect and preserve fundamental religious liberties," Clinton told the crowd, which included religious leaders and members of Congress.

"This is a proud and auspicious day for freedom of religion and freedom of conscience in this country," said Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of the fervently orthodox Agudath Israel of America.

A broad coalition of 68 religious and civil liberties groups worked for more than three years in a massive effort to push the bill through Congress and onto the president's desk for his signature.

Major Jewish organizations joined the effort, which was unprecedented in its membership of groups representing various faiths and beliefs.

Clinton thanked the organization, called the Coalition for the Free Exercise of Religion, for the "central role" it played in drafting and passing the legislation.

Due in large part to the coalition's efforts, the bill was approved unanimously in the House of Representatives in May, and passed by a 97-3 margin in the Senate in October.

The act in effect reversed a 1990 Supreme Court ruling that made it easier for states to pass laws banning certain religious practices.

The Jewish community reacted ecstatically to the bill's signing.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, called it "the most important religious freedom bill of our lifetimes."

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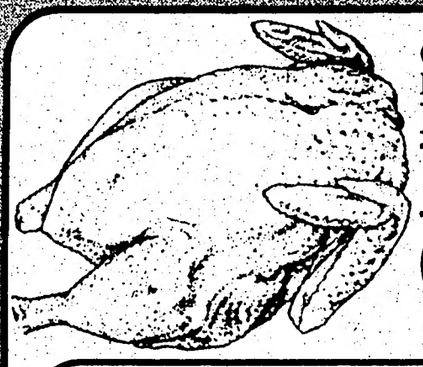

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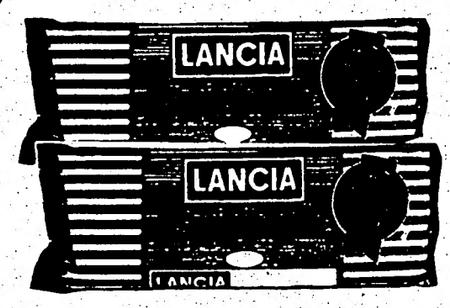

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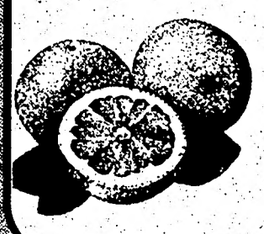

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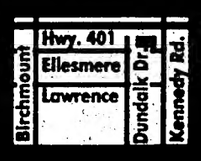

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Media's treatment of Israel seen giving way to Arab bias

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Media treatment of Israel has deteriorated drastically in the last 15 years says a former MPP and a pro-Israel advocate.

"In the early days, Israel was seen as the underdog but by 1973, Israel lost a lot of its media support," said David Rotenberg who, along with *Toronto Star* columnist Richard Gwyn spoke at a recent panel sponsored by United Jewish Appeal Young Professionals. Moderator was TVOntario host/producer Steve Paikin.

Rotenberg said that because the Arab propaganda machine is better than that of Israel, it is much easier for media to get facts as seen by the Arabs. "There is no media watchdog in Arab countries. The Arabs often rewrite history and a lot of media buy it. People in the media accept Arab lies and repeat them and repeat them."

With regards to Richard Gwyn, Rotenberg said that he does not believe he is anti-Israel or anti-Semitic but that he takes information that is packaged better. "He makes up his mind based on false facts."

Gwyn replied that he is pro-Israel and that his sources are overwhelmingly Israeli. "I've never had difficulty finding Israelis who are critical of their country."

He said that journalists are often afraid to be different because they like to think that if they are wrong, they will be wrong together. "There is a tendency to stay similar to each other. Reporters should cover things accurately and fairly and they should report what they see, but sometimes emotions take hold that overwhelm the straight facts. It is hard to disengage emotions. To pretend that emotions do not affect reporting is wrong. It is a sad part of life that we all respond to drama."

Rotenberg said, however, that it is not journalism when a reporter witnesses a murdered Israeli and then promotes sympathy for the killer. "That is advocacy, that is propaganda, that is lying. Just as many Arabs are killed by Arabs as by Jews but Jews killing the Arabs is news. It is bad journalism not to print certain events because they are not as emotionally engaging."

He said that as for concessions, the media always call on Israel to make concessions, but not the Arabs. "It took the Arabs so long because people like Gwyn said that it must be Israel to make the concessions."

Gwyn answered that the Arabs took so long to reach an agreement because they are living in a "dream world. They thought they were being treated unfairly and that the world would come to their aid."

As far as the peace process is concerned, Rotenberg said that it is a cold peace but "I'm happy to have it. The only reason Arafat shook hands is because it did him good. It put on on the world stage."

Gwyn said that he couldn't be happier about the now famous handshake. "This is the fulfillment of Israel. To create a different society in the Middle East is a tremendous accomplishment."

He said that it would not surprise him if in five years time people will be complaining that not enough is being written about Israel. "The media will begin talking about the Arabs and Israelis working side by side and then it will not be news any more. There will be less concentration on Israel and more on the whole Middle East. If all goes well, we will have to work hard to get the media interested in Israel."

GERMAN ENVOY MEETS CJC OFFICIALS

Newly-appointed German ambassador to Canada Dr. Hans Guenther Sulima, following a meeting with Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) officials, prepares to enter the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto. Accompanying him are: Gerda Frieberg (right), chair of the Ontario region of Congress and honorary chair of the centre; and Eleanor Getzler, chair of the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Among other officials at the CJC meeting with the German envoy were: Charles Zaionz, Congress chair of the national executive; Ruthie Zaionz, CJC co-chair of the Ontario region's World Jewry and international affairs committee; and members of the Holocaust remembrance committee. [Jay Brodbar photo]

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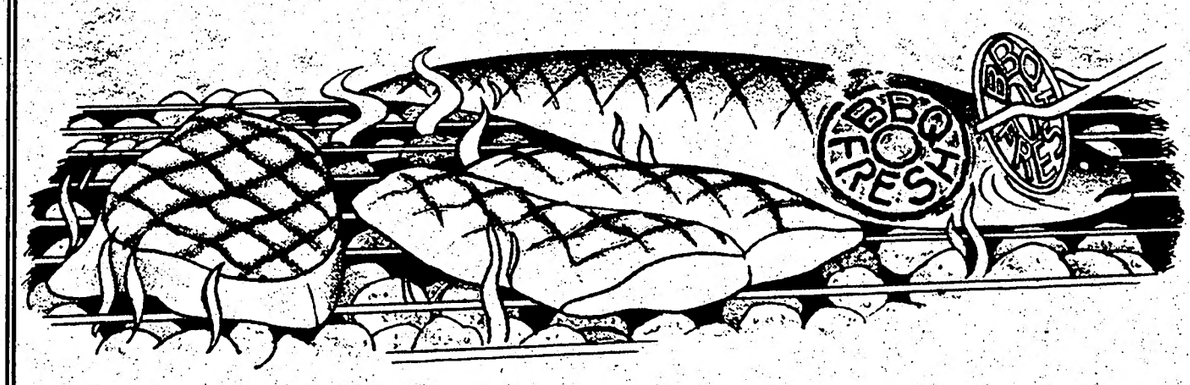

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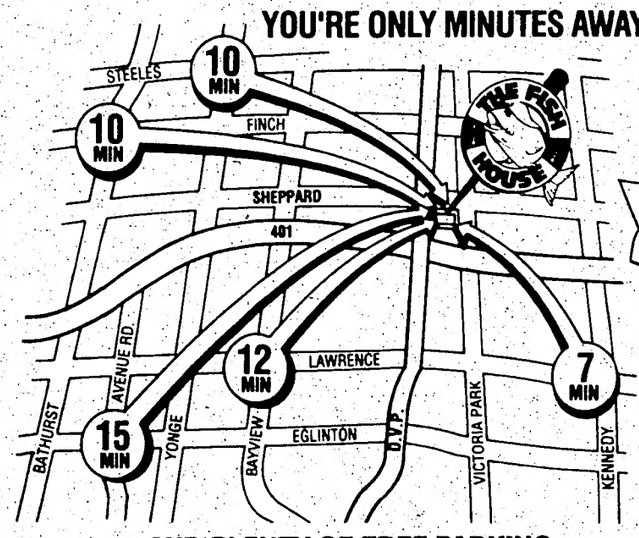

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Peace accord improving dialogue between Arab, Jewish students

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO — The peace accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington Sept. 13th is already changing the way Jewish and Arab students interact on campus, judging by a recent discussion held at York University.

For starters, the Jewish Student Federation advertised the exchange between the Israeli vice-consul in Toronto, Haim Waxman, and the deputy director of the Palestine mission in Canada, Elias Hazineh, as a "forum" on the price of peace, and the two sat relaxedly side by side as some 25 students filed in.

The Palestinian representative, Hazineh 41, was born in Gaza, grew up in Israel and came to Canada in 1969. He was named deputy director of the Palestine mission in Canada just two weeks after the September 13th accord was signed. He explained that the Palestine mission has been attached to the Arab League office in Canada since the early '70s, and "functions as an embassy without the official status, providing information to the Canadian government on the Palestinians."

Waxman, 30, has served as Israeli vice-consul in Toronto since last year.

Referring to the interim agreement, Waxman noted, "We deferred discussing problematic issues like the status of Jerusalem, borders and settlements for a period of at least two years...we said, let's leave it for now, let's change the situation today so that maybe we'll have new perceptions in a few years.

"There is an unbelievable range of issues that we can negotiate now. We're talking about the daily life of the Palestinians: who will run the health system, the schools, the curriculum, collecting taxes, the police . . . the important things are being negotiated now because they can transform the lives of the people who live there."

Both speakers stressed the importance of improving the economic lot of Palestinians.

"Economic and social cooperation is a very important part of this agreement. We feel that if the lives of Palestinians don't improve, if people are still miserable, the political solution won't work," Waxman said.

Hazineh agreed: "It won't work unless the people of the region see tangible economic results in their lives.

When asked about the importance of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to the peace process. Hazineh responded: "Arafat is not the key to this deal. The Palestinian people have accepted it. This deal will not collapse if Arafat goes."

The students' questions brought out some of the sharp differences between the two sides.

Asked about the release of Arab prisoners, Hazineh said: "We're opening a new chapter in our history. Let bygones be bygones. I think any person who committed any act for political purposes should be freed."

Said Waxman: "I don't think it's that simple. It's not that easy to release someone who committed murder . . . and there are still murders being committed."

As for the thorny issue of Jerusalem's future status, both speakers had high hopes for the mellowing effects of time and co-existence.

Hazineh said that east Jerusalem must be the capital of a Palestinian state, but he also said: "In two years things will look different. The Palestinian entity will take shape and they will see it is not a threat. The same applied for negotiating with the PLO — some Israelis said they would never negotiate with the PLO."

Waxman's comment: "What seems an insurmountable problem now, may not be one. We feel very strongly about Jerusalem and so do they. Let's talk about it in two years."

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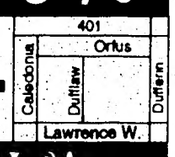

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Beth Radom gets a facelift

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Beth Radom Synagogue's recent $2.5 million facelift is a dream come true for all of its members.

A recent ribbon cutting ceremony and dinner officially opened the 20,000-square foot building on Rainer Avenue in North York, which includes a sanctuary, dining room, meeting room and space for future classrooms.

Before the ribbon was cut by synagogue trustees Sid Tarek and Irving Kirshenblat, past president Sandy Shessel said that the synagogue, which was originally built in 1962 and whose roots began with the Radomer Friendly Society in 1925, "has a congregation of 312 families at a time when Conservative congregations are losing members. We have started daily services and are actively searching for a rabbi."

A majority of Beth Radom members are either natives or descendants of those born in Radom, Poland, a city that 51 years ago had its Jewish ghettos liquidated. At a 50-year commemoration of that liquidation, Kirshenblat told the congregation that in 1942 the ghettos were destroyed and liquidated but today "we are in a new house of happiness, a house of joy — a centre for prayer, of Torah and tradition, a centre of culture and education — this, all together, is and will continue to be the ultimate moral victory and it will ensure that the jewel in the crown is never again in danger of being lost."

At the opening, Richard Birnbaum, synagogue president, said that it was a privilege to witness the renovated synagogue and praised the building committee for the great deal of time and effort it put into the project.

Art Eggleton, in his first public function since being elected to Parliament, said that he was present for the synagogue's ground breaking ceremony just 11 months ago and "is happy to be at this great celebration. Beth Radom is a growing congregation with a wonderful new spirit."

Sam Bresler, president of B'nai Radom, the worldwide organization of Jews from Radom, organized in 1950 by Radomers who settled in Toronto after the war, said that with the Toronto synagogue being the only one of its kind in the world "we can hold our heads high that Radomers do not only talk, they do."

MPP Monte Kwinter brought greetings from the legislative assembly of Ontario and North York mayor Mel Lastman brought greetings from the citizens of North York. Also present was North York councillor, Mike Feldman.

Scholarship seeks students

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Sault synagogue/school expands

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Jewish community of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. recently marked a milestone in its development that augurs well for its efforts to buck an unfortunate trend of decline in smaller centres of Jewish life.

The community turned the sod and dedicated the construction of an addition to the community's lone synagogue and school.

The ceremony came in the wake of a one-and-a-half year fundraising effort that saw the Jewish community raise about $85,000 towards the project, said Jeff Arbus, vice-president of Congregation Beth Jacob.

The synagogue, which also houses the community's weekend Jewish school, is expanding to meet the increasing needs of the community, Arbus said. There is a need for more classroom space, a reference library and an expanded kitchen, he said.

The weekend school has proven especially successful, he continued, accommodating 23 children from age 4 and up to those who have completed their bar mitzvahs. The school serves an estimated 95 percent of the Jewish children in the Sault, Arbus said.

During the High Holy Days, about 70 people attended services in the synagogue's sanctuary, he said. They included Jews from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and from as far away as Manitouwadge, a mining town 250 km north of the city. The synagogue also hosted the baby-naming for the couple from Manitouwadge, Arbus added.

Arbus said the province's move of the lottery corporation and the relocation of the provincial forestry service to the Sault has added some families to the city's Jewish population. He said the synagogue has a mailing list of 40, with about 25 active members. Services are held once a month.

Arbus said that with the assistance of Susan Jackson, a Canadian Jewish Congress staffer responsible for aiding small communities, Sault Ste. Marie Jews are showing the commitment and interest needed to maintain a vital community.

Nationalists seen as threat to rights

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —The danger posed by nationalists and separatists in Quebec is that "some people will have fewer rights," Esther Delisle, controversial author of *The Traitor and the Jew* told a Jewish Book Fair audience recently.

Delisle said she is "worried" that Quebecers are finding it difficult to come to terms with the anti-Semitism that pervaded the province in the 1930s.

Described by *Saturday Night* magazine as "Quebec's Bad Girl" the Quebec author, who lived in Israel for three years, based her book on a PhD thesis that was narrowly approved by a committee at Laval University after it became a subject of controversy.

Delisle said she learned to speak English while studying in Israel.

Most of the questions in the discussion period dealt with why there was no rebuttal from the general community to the charges in the 1930s against Jews in Quebec by Abbe Lionel Groulx, *Le Devoir* newspaper and other nationalist sources.

"My honest answer is that I don't know," she replied. "I guess that it was ignored. *Le Devoir* was so prestigious that you weren't supposed to criticize it. The favorite story in Montreal is that the easiest way to recognize foreigners in the city is if they have a *Le Devoir* under their arms. It only has a readership of 25,000--it's nothing."

Though she came under heavy criticism when her book appeared "from professors and intellectuals" Delisle said, "I suspect I was pretty close to the truth and I won," a statement which drew applause.

The event was sponsored by the Jewish book committee of the Jewish Community Centre, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, and the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith. Lillian Rose and Miriam Goldbloom also took part in the program.

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Scholar traces education of women through the ages

By LEILA SPEISMAN

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TORONTO —"Teaching a woman Torah is like teaching her tiflut (distortions)."

"While there is merit in teaching a woman Torah, there is no obligation to do so."

"To not teach your daughter Torah is like teaching her tiflut."

This range of rabbinical opinions on Torah education for women ("Torah" refers to not just the entire Bible, but the intricacies of Jewish law as well) exemplifies the differing attitudes through the ages, explains Shoshana Pantel Zolty in her recently published work *And All Your Children Shall be Learned; women and the study of Torah in Jewish law and history.*

Zolty, who has been active in various aspects of the Toronto educational scene, spoke last week at the Jewish Book Fair.

The book, based on her doctoral dissertation at OISE, combined her interest in Jewish history, Jewish education and women's issues, she said. "I wanted to seek out women and accord them a place in history."

There were many women throughout Jewish history who were notable scholars in their own right, among them being Bruria, the Maid of Ludimir (who created her own chassidic court) and the daughters of Rashi. These women tended to be members of rabbinic families, and were accorded every respect.

It should be remembered as well, Zolty pointed out, that there was little formal education for boys until the last century when the great yeshivot arose, led by that of Volozin.

Before that, she said, except for the intellectual elite, most were educated first by their parents, and later, about a century before the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., in small groups in their native towns.

The family, it was felt, was the best way to transmit education from one generation to the next, and the establishment of formal public education was considered by many to be a regressive step.

Women were expected to know the laws relating to their own lives and responsibilities. Since the majority of mitzvot do concern women, this took in a lot of territory, such as kashrut, family purity, speech and conduct and even such matters as business, since, she noted, from early times, women were involved in commerce.

Most rabbis, however, felt that they could learn these things through practice in their homes, a belief, Zolty said, which was at that time by and large true.

There were women who were considered experts on Halachah, and wrote and gave lectures and classes, albeit behind a curtain or open door, in accordance with the laws of modesty.

Zolty also talked about the fazogeren, women who not only helped women keep their places in the davening at shul, but helped translate the prayers and even sang for them.

Women also became scribes, printers and publishers, and even shochtim. They also composed techinot, prayers said at times of particular importance to women, such as childbirth, and works of Jewish thought and ethics.

In the sixteenth century, religious works began to appear especially for women, often in Yiddish or in the vernacular. The best known is *Tzeneh U'renah*, a collection of discourses on the Torah, interwoven with legends, stories and comments on moral behavior.

Meagre religious component

With the haskalah (the Enlightenment), liberal circles began to establish schools for girls, with only a meagre religious component. This was counterbalanced by Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch, considered the father of the ideal of Torah im derech eretz (Torah combined with secular studies), who established a school for girls in Frankfurt in 1853.

As well, the rise of the chassidic courts led to the situation of the husband and older boys spending Shabbat and holy days at the rebbe, leaving the girls and women behind "bereft of spiritual atmosphere," Zolty said.

These girls, she said, were being educated secularly in the public schools, whose cultural norms and values they were absorbing.

It was to counterbalance this state of affairs that Sarah Schenirer established the Bais Yaacov school system for girls, a system of religous education that has spread through the world.

Significantly, Zolty said, her efforts won widespread rabbinic support, especially from the Chofetz Chaim, without which, Zolty feels, it wouldn't have succeeded.

The present Lubavitcher Rebbe, she said, indicated in a speech that advanced Torah study is necessary for girls and women, not just for its own sake (an interesting statement by itself, considering historical comments that women should only study what pertains to them) but so they can encourage their families by participating in actual study.

Zolty's presentation was sponsored by Nishma, an Orthodox educational outreach program, and Emunah Women of Toronto.

And All Your Children Shall be Learned is published by Jason Aronson.

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"In the working world, I hadn't found my place," she says.

Despite participating in outreach efforts for New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue, her daily routine was pretty well work related, or, more accurately overwork-related - "overworked, but not necessarily outward looking."

Tamara Lewin

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Organizations and People

Community activist Green turns hobby into new career

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — For a lot of people, the prospect of retirement causes great trepidation. But not for Toronto builder, philanthropist and community activist Al Green.

He has turned a hobby, sculpture, into a full-fledged second career, one he is pursuing with relish.

So skilled has he become that his first solo exhibition, 24 pieces of his work, opened recently at the gallery of the Sculptor's Society of Canada. It will run until Dec. 10, Tuesdays to Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Sculptor's Society of Canada is in the First Canadian Place Exchange Tower at King and York streets.

It is almost a natural progression, Green told *The CJN*. "I am one of the few builders who actually began as a hands-on worker. I started as a bricklayer, then when I couldn't get enough work, I learned carpentry. That is how I became familiar with the use of the materials."

Al Green surrounded by some of his angular, cubist-style sculptures.

Took classes

He did some painting over the years, but says he found sculpture "more interesting."

Green began by taking classes at Central Technical School, but "they were too limited in scope." Not one to be daunted, he took buildings he couldn't rent because they were scheduled for demolition, and converted them into temporary schools and studios.

"I took whole classes into my buildings, and the Central Tech teacher too. They could come whenever they wanted, not just, say, on Thursdays from 7-9."

Green credits artist Sorel Etrog and gallery owner Marilyn Kantaroff for encouraging and inspiring him.

He explained that he first fashions a maquette, a small, under 12 inch model, in wax. This is then cast in bronze, now at his own foundry in Mississauga "so that I can have control over the process for my own work."

From the maquette, he makes the large styrofoam and plastic sculpture, which is then cast in bronze.

"I use the same 'lost wax' process that was used in Michaelangelo's time, he says enthusiastically.

Kantaroff calls his cubist and angular style of sculpture "exciting to view and emotionally evocative." He is, she says, "fully conversant with the vocabulary and grammar of structure and space....to have found his own artistic voice in form so quickly is a testament to the depth of his talent and dedication."

Green's work is in many private collections in Canada and the United States. Torontonians may not be aware that the moving *Exodus*, a black sculpture of two hands clasped, which is found at the parking lot entrance to the Lipa Green Building, is Al Green's work.

More recently, he sculpted a bust of his father, Lipa Green, which now stands in the foyer of the fourth floor of the building.

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Knowledge said key to fighting interdating

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — "To look at interdating is taking our eye off the ball," said Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of the University of Toronto's Jewish Student Union, at a recent lunchtime presentation organized by the Association for Jewish Continuity (AJC).

"What is the value of being Jewish? What do I get out of it that I should sacrifice [in order to stay Jewish]? What does the world get out of it? Once we understand those questions, then the question of 'Why Date Jewish?' is a non-question," said the rabbi.

Rabbi Skobac spoke along with Jerry Marcus, a businessman and volunteer educator at Aish HaTorah, in a discussion entitled Why Date Jewish?, which was held at a downtown office. Edmond Lipsitz, executive vice-chair of the AJC, was moderator.

Endless debates

Rabbi Skobac himself, as a teenager in the '60s in New Jersey, had endless debates with his parents about interdating. Eventually, as he was about to enter university, they had him speak with a local rabbi.

"So what?" was his response when the New Jersey rabbi told him that intermarriage could lead to the demise of the Jewish people. "He really didn't give me a satisfactory answer, and I left calling him a racist," recalled Rabbi Skobac.

"Judaism has become little more than nostalgia, tradition, culture, ethnicity, and style," said the rabbi. "It's very easy to understand why people don't sacrifice to remain Jewish."

What "shocked" him as a college student when he began to study Judaism was that "Judaism has one basic role: to bring the world to perfection. To be a Jew is not to be a selfish person obsessed with one's own survival, but to be a full-time revolutionary," said Rabbi Skobac. "I found this very compelling, exciting and inspiring. You get to live your idealism 24 hours a day."

The other aspect of Judaism that appealed to the rabbi was the idea of perfecting oneself spiritually: "The thing that makes us human is our spirituality and intelligence," he said.

"Ultimately Judaism is all-important or it's worthless," he stated, explaining that, while it's vital to have a vision of total commitment as a benchmark, it's "certainly legitimate and appropriate to take small steps [towards Jewish commitment]."

Marcus feels strongly that for those to whom Judaism is "culturally interesting" rather than religiously significant, it is difficult to combat interdating and intermarriage. "If you're picking and choosing [elements of Judaism], you're faced with a child who wants to pick and choose, and he [may choose] not to marry Jewish."

Marcus believes that a child's Jewish education should begin "20 years before they're born. You have to build a foundation.

"When someone tells you they're culturally Jewish, the truth is they have more in common with their gentile neighbors than with other Jews," Marcus said. "You can belong to the same clubs, listen to the same music. You have less in common with Jews from India [than with gentiles in your own country].

"I think it's critical that Jews pay attention to devoting time to finding out what Judaism has to say," said Marcus.

Reaching compromises seen essential for continuity

TORONTO — When David, a thirtysomething Pittsburgh lawyer, took a course at his local kolel several years ago, he did so purely out of intellectual curiosity, not suspecting that it would awaken in him a passion for Jewish tradition strong enough to threaten the stability of his marriage.

David's story has a happy ending, however. He and his wife Meryl have achieved a compromise which is satisfying and enriching for both of them.

Their story was told recently in a workshop given by Rachelee Brog Sacks as part of the Aish HaTorah Women's Division's first annual one-day event held at Baycrest Terrace. Sacks, co-founder and co-director of Pittsburgh outreach organization OHHV (Our Heritage Has Value), spoke on Keeping Your Children Jewish — It's Not All or Nothing.

Sacks reported that Meryl was "terrified" when David reached the point where he was seriously considering "experimenting with Orthodoxy." In order to keep their family together, they made compromises, Sacks said. "David mellowed in his passion, and Meryl mellowed in her resistance."

Today, their children attend a Conservative Jewish day school and traditional Friday night dinners have been incorporated into their lifestyle. Meryl bakes challah with the younger two of their four children most Fridays. "They call it 'creating Jewish memories'," Sacks said.

When the family built a sukkah this year for the first time, a "shocked" Meryl discovered how much she loved it. "I'm comfortable now with my Jewishness," she told Sacks recently.

"There's no guarantee," Sacks said, "but their children's chances of intermarrying would be less than [other Jewish youngsters']."

A college student who recently spent Shabbat with Sacks' family told her that her parents want her to marry a Jewish man, but that they had given her nothing to "hold onto" Jewishly.

When Sacks mentioned the word "Judaism," the girl was frank. "I don't want to have to wear long skirts," she said.

"They don't know what it's all about," Sacks said in Toronto. "It's not their fault. It's our fault.

Paying the price

"The mosaic representing Jewish American life has undergone many changes, and we are paying the price in assimilation." Fewer than half of American Jews under the age of 18 are being raised Jewish, Sacks said.

Creating a Jewish atmosphere in the home doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing deal, she stressed. She exhorted Orthodox women in the audience to "reach out and not be judgmental but to respect [other Jews] for the tiny steps they are taking in bringing Jewish continuity into their homes."

One Pittsburgh man, the father of three young children, was told, "I didn't realize you had anything missing in your life," by several friends who wondered about his and his wife's increasing commitment to Judaism. "Neither did we," he replied — F.K.

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Organizations and People

I.J. Singer appreciated in Yiddish literary circles

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Yiddishists in Toronto were paid a compliment by a visiting lecturer at the Jewish Book Fair speaking about writer Israel J. Singer, older brother of Nobel Prize winner Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Anita Norich, of the University of Michigan, asked the audience in the Leah Posluns Theatre how many had read one of I.J. Singer's best known books, *Yoshe Kalb*. When nearly half present held up their hands, Norich said, "This is why I like to come to Toronto."

She gave the first Peretz Miransky Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Kultur Geselshaft, honoring the Toronto Yiddish poet and fabulist, who died this past March. Even during his long illness, Miransky continued to write

JEWISH BOOK FAIR

memorable poetry, said Aaron Fainer, who chaired the meeting. The lecture will be given annually.

Norich recalled that in 1928, while still in Poland, I.J. Singer threatened to stop writing in Yiddish, and to write instead in other languages, because Jewish life was so fragmented. "He never made good his threat, and, in fact, in 1932 he published his greatest work, *Yoshe Kalb*",

What led Singer to the threat to stop writing in Yiddish, she said, was his disillusionment with the state of Jewish life and politics. "Like his brother, he was virulently a-political; he did not believe in the Messiah, in the Zionist dream of a national homeland for the Jews, or in communism."

He went to the United States in 1933 because he had no choice, economically, to do otherwise, she said.

Norich, associate professor of English and Judaic Studies, said I.J. Singer was better known and more appreciated in Yiddish literary circles than his famous brother.

Gerry Kane, chair of the Yiddish committee, said one critic described I.J. Singer as the "Yiddish Tolstoy."

Public school system criticized for its approach to Holocaust

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — The Canadian public school system has failed to deal with the issue of the Holocaust, according to the national director of the League for Human Rights of the B'nai Brith Canada.

Karen Mock was speaking at a breakfast lecture at Temple Sinai during the recent Holocaust Education Week.

She said teachers find it difficult to relate to the topic. B'nai Brith has found that unless the teachers can personalize the Holocaust, they cannot raise their students to "a higher level of moral understanding."

To help teachers introduce Holocaust education into the classroom, Mock has led three special Holocaust and Hope study tours to Germany, Poland and Israel.

The biennial tours, which began in 1986, are sponsored by B'nai Brith. Each trip is limited to 15 public school teachers. They visit Munich, Dachau, Warsaw, Treblinka, Lublin, Maidenek, Auschwitz and Jerusalem. Most of the teachers are not Jewish.

In the trips that she led in 1990 and 1992, Mock brought the group to visit her grandfather's shtetl, Bodzentyn, and a long-lost cousin in Munich. She believes their involvement personalized the experience for them.

She spoke of one teacher, a devout Catholic from Alberta familiar with the activities of convicted hatemonger James Keegstra. At the beginning of the tour she said he was only interested in the factual details of the Holocaust and asked questions like "Why don't you forgive and forget?" By the end, Mock said he had reached an understanding of how fundamentally the Holocaust had effected the lives of individuals.

Mock said the next tour is planned for July 17 to August 5, 1994. Nominations will be accepted until April 15, 1994. The cost is $1,200 and applicants must be presently teaching, or planning to teach, the Holocaust.

Comic rabbi set for She'arim concert

TORONTO — A rabbi who is a stand-up comedian and a cantorial recitalist will be the guest artists at this year's She'arim Hebrew Day School Benefit Concert scheduled for Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

The evening will be highlighted by the appearance of Rabbi Bob Alper, who bills himself as "the only practising clergyman doing stand-up comedy . . . intentionally," and Cantor Jeffrey Nadel of Washington, D.C.

Proceeds from the evening will be used to support Canada's only school for Jewish children with learning disabilities, now in its fourteenth year of operation.

Rabbi Alper, 48, gave up a full-time pulpit in Philadelphia several years ago to concentrate on comedy. He entitles his presentation A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Bimah, and it introduces his "unorthodox" style of comedy, with much of it based on Jewish life.

His publicity underscores that his act is clean, his humor gentle, and his approach one which avoids embarrassing his audience.

Nadel ascended the pulpit for the first time as an 11-year-old and has appeared in synagogues throughout the United States as a cantor and concert artist ever since.

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Compromise key to peace: student

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — For peace to occur, both Israelis and Palestinians have to "be willing to compromise on issues important to the other side," said University of Toronto student Yehuda Poch at a recent Jewish-Palestinian student dialogue.

Poch, who spent time in Gaza and the Golan Heights this past summer, was speaking at a recent groundbreaking program co-sponsored by U of T's Jewish Student Federation (JSF) and New Generation for Palestine. The program followed two similar dialogues held earlier this year on an unofficial level.

Sadly, there was an unexpected element of frustration on the part of the audience when Poch had to dash off to a class immediately on finishing his presentation. (Poch was recruited on short notice when the originally scheduled speaker cancelled.)

The purpose of the program, announced JSF president Pam Scheininger, was "to get a feel for the claims that each other has, and to get a feel for where we're coming from."

Upsurge in violence

Poch expressed concerns about the situation in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip including the upsurge of violence in the area, only one incident of which has been condemned by PLO leader Yasser Arafat (under pressure from United States president Bill Clinton).

Poch noted that violence by Israelis "in every single case was violence in reaction to murder or injury of Israelis [by Palestinians]. My question is, 'Why did it have to start?' [Given the escalation in violence,] is there really going to be peace?"

He detailed a list of concessions made by Israel in the past two years, including agreement to a PLO police force expected to number about 20,000. The PLO, on the other hand, has recognized Israel, Poch said.

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Palestinian speaker Ardi Imseis focused on the origin of the Palestinian identity and the reason for his people's bitterness.

In the late 19th century, said Imseis, Palestinian Arabs led a communal life, tilling land which was passed from father to son. Under Ottoman rule, they paid taxes to absentee landlords, but didn't understand the concept, he said. "To the Palestinians the idea of owning land and being miles away from it was very European. [Such ownership] was null and void in their eyes."

Lived with Palestinians

Imseis said that the first wave of Eastern European Jews to arrive in Palestine in the late 1800s "lived fine with the Palestinian population." He differentiated those "spiritual" settlers from later "political Zionists" intent on creating "an exclusive Jewish infrastructure."

This was the beginning of the Palestinian identity which distinguished them from the Jewish settlers, according to Imseis.

Imseis spoke of the "hostility" and "rough treatment" of the Palestinian Arabs by the Zionist settlers. He decried as "exploitation" the Balfour Declaration, which in 1917 expressed British sympathy with Zionist aspirations.

Citing a 95 per cent Arab population in 1917 Palestine, Imseis based the events leading to the creation of a Jewish state on a [perceived] philosophy that "the colored man isn't worth as much as the white European. That's the root of all bitterness."

Although Imseis acknowledged that early Zionists actually bought land on which the Arabs were living and said that Arabs were evicted for non-payment of taxes, he termed the loss of Arab land "blatant thievery.

"When somebody is subjugated, they'll resist," said Imseis.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Nov. 25, is deadline for Dec. 9 issue and Thursday, Dec. 2, is deadline for Dec. 16 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax number 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 25

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Saturday, Nov. 27

THE DEMJANJUK CASE

The Brotherhood of Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., invites the community to hear Toronto trial lawyer and vice-chair of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Legal Committee **Leo Adler** delivering an address on The Demjanjuk Case and Its Consequences at 9 a.m.

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Try your luck at games of chance at the Charity Casino from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd. Admission $5 includes refreshments, cash bar and $10 worth of chips. For information, call temple, 449-3880.

ISRAELI ACADEMICIANS

The Association of Israeli Academicians in Toronto invites the community to a Get Together Party, 8 p.m. at Community Centre, 120 Bradbury Rd. The program is folk and salon dances under the direction of **Marco Ben-Shimon**. Entrance fee is $8, including a light meal.

Sunday, Nov. 28

MARTYRED SOVIET WRITERS

At an evening dedicated to the works of martyred Soviet-Yiddish writers, 7:30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., **Prof. Eugene Orenstein**, professor of Jewish Studies at McGill University, will speak on The Martyred Soviet-Yiddish Writers: Their Contribution to Jewish Literature. There will also be readings of Yiddish writers by **David Newman**. Evening is under the auspices of Yiddish Culture Council and Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

PASTOR'S CONVERSION TO JUDAISM

Ohr Somayach Thornhill and Jews for Judaism are co-sponsoring a community lecture by **Reb Asher Wade** who will speak on Back to the Source: A Pastor's Conversion to Judaism, a discussion of his personal experiences as an ordained pastor searching for and discovering Judaism. Time is 8:30 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Public is welcome and admission is $5. For information, call (905) 886-5730.

RACISM & ANTI-SEMITISM

Racism and Anti-Semitism: Historical and Anthropological Roots will be discussed by **Dr. Michael Wayne** and **Dr. Richard Lee**, 11 a.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Lecture is sponsored by Morris Winchevsky Community School and United Jewish Peoples' Order. Admission free (donations welcomed). Call **Baruch Goldin**, 789-5981.

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The Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region, continues its Basic Judaism Course with Jewish Prayer, 7:30-9 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. There is no charge. For information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose**, 889-4975.

TIKVAH CHAPTER OPEN HOUSE

Come see what B'nai Brith Women's Tikvah Chapter is all about. Members are single and young marrieds, 20-35, and they look forward to meeting when you drop in at the Open House Day (prizes and refreshments), 1-4 p.m. For information and location, call **Patti**, 929-2214, or **Michelle**, 650-5238.

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Monday, Nov. 29

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FALL STUDY PROGRAM

Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's joint study program, False Gods of the '90s, concludes with Independence with **Rabbi Philip Scheim**, 8 p.m., Adath Israel.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Pride of Israel Sisterhood is holding a gigantic rummage sale of used clothing and household items in good condition at bargain prices, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pride of Israel, 59 Lissom Cres. Admission free. Proceeds to various worthy causes.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

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WHAT'S TRUTH GOT DO WITH IT?

What's Truth Got To Do With It? Exploring the Parameters of Truth and Honesty in Jewish Tradition is the topic of the lecture (for women only) by **Rena Schochet**, director of the Women's Studies Program, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, at 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W.. No admission charge. Call (905) 886-5730.

BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM

Beth Tzedec Beth Midrash Program, Israel Today: Conflict and Contoversy, with **Morton Manilla** continues with Religious and Cultural Conflicts, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

THE ARABS OF ISRAEL

The Politics of the Middle East series with **Prof. Alexander Bligh**, visiting Israeli professor, sponsored by Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, continues with The Arabs of Israel: Israelis or Palestinians? 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah. Public is invited. Admission $5, students no charge. Call 221-3433.

POWER OF WOMEN'S VOICES

Come hear **Elaine Newton** talk about *Women Who Run With Wolves*, the bestseller by author **Clarisa Pinkola Estes**, who examines traditional tales from various cultures. Time is 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Temple members $5, non-members $10. To reserve, **Olivia**, 789-3291.

LIGHT OR LATKES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue features **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** discussing Light or Latkes: What Is the Real Significance of Chanukah? at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework meeting, 8 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, focuses on Chanukah projects. Bring your sewing kits.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL

Pride of Israel, 59 Lissom Cres., is hosting a representative from the Kabbalah Centre who will speak on Kabbalah, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2

RETURN TO THE WARSAW GHETTO

Steve Paikin follows the Fields, Milchberg and Zajdman families as they revisit the Warsaw ghetto in the one-hour documentary *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto* on TVO at 8 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

THE HERITAGE OF CECIL ROTH

The Heritage of Cecil Roth: His Contribution to Jewish History and Art, the new exhibit opening Thursday, Dec. 2, at Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, explores the fascinating life and career of one of the most remarkable Jewish historians of the 20th century. The finest pieces from Beth Tzedec Museum's extensive Cecil Roth Collection of Judaica and Art will be featured. The exhibit is on view through Sept. 1, 1994. To book a tour or for more information, call curator **Dorion Liebgott** at 781-3511.

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GOLD PLAQUE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood was awarded a gold plaque in the 1993 Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Torch Award competition held recently as part of that organization's 64th anniversary convention at Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony, Pa. The award was granted for the best program in the area of social action/community involvement. From left are Brotherhood president Harold Bricks; J. Harold Nissen, international president; and Rabbi Barry Schneider of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Pictured above are eight graduates who completed the 16-hour training program of the Multilingual Access Project designed to assist clients with linguistic difficulties to access services, translate documents, fill out forms and applications. Standing (from left) are Ilana Spoliansky, Faina Alexandrova, Helen Jackson, Fay Avinoam, Klara Ifrah. Seated (from left) Ben Wagowski, Naum Brickman, Gordon Diamond. Training was given through Jewish Vocational Service and Jewish Family & Child Services. Languages available are Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Romanian, Hungarian.

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ART SALE

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Sisterhood is hosting a sale of works by **Dvora Silver** Saturday, Nov. 27, 7:30-10 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Free admission.

NCSY SHABBATONS

National Conference of Synagogue Youth Small Community Shabbaton, Nov. 26-27 in Kitchener, Ont., is open to Grades 6-8. Students from Toronto, London and Kitchener are invited to attend.

NCSY Senior Winter Regional Shabbaton takes place Dec. 3-5 in Montreal. Teenagers in Grades 9-13 are invited. Jewish rock band, great food and friends are only a few of the things on the menu.

For information on both Shabbatons, call NCSY at 782-4426.

CHANUKAH, DREIDELS, HISTORY

Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., announces a new class running Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., beginning Nov. 29. **Rabbi Mordechai Cohen** will discuss Chanukah: Dreidels and Jewish History. No admission charge. Babysitting available. Call 886-5730 for information.

HEBREW NAME HOTLINE

You want your child to have a Jewish identity, but need help choosing a Hebrew name, translating a Yiddish name to Hebrew or figuring out how to name a baby boy after your great-grandmother? Call **Rabbi Steven Cohen** of Kehillat Shaarei Torah. The Hebrew Name Hotline, 229-2600, is offered free of charge.

CHANUKAH PARTY

Ladies Auxiliary of General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, is holding a Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., with entertainment, lots of good food and drinks. For tickets, $8 per person, call 661-1270 or 663-6132.

THE JEWISH WOMAN

Starting Tuesday, Nov. 23, Aish HaTorah is sponsoring a four-week series, The Jewish Woman: Paradigm of Achievement, featuring **Leora Stoll**, former national director of Jewish Students Network, who recently returned from a year of study in Israel. Each week different aspects of the development of Jewish women will be discussed. Cost is $5 per class or $15 for series. Call **Bev**, 636-7530 for location and registration.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Leah Posluns Theatre School offers the very best in theatre training. Introductory or advanced winter 1994 classes begin mid-January. Classes include Creative Drama for Children, Beginners Acting for Teens and Young Adults, Film and Television for Teens, Acting Techniques, Improvisation, and Scene Study for Adults. Call 636-1880, ext. 287/298. Also, the Summer Stage Program for Children and Teens runs the month of July 1994.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Minchah, Maariv. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David**, 256-1600.

PHONE A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261.

YOM KIPPUR VETERANS

Disabled civilian veterans of the Yom Kippur War support group is looking for new members and volunteers. Meetings are held every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Call **Jeff Bowers**, 489-6851.

ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

Ohr Somayach Thornhill annual Chanukah Party, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph, 613 Clark Ave. W., features a concert by recording artist/song writer **Rabbi Moshe Shur**, one of the founding members of the Diaspora Yeshiva Band, accompanied by members of the Nafshenu Band, plus a few words from **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, and special Chanukah snacks. Tickets $10, available at Ohr Somayach Thornhill.

KABBALAT SHABBAT

A Kabbalat Shabbat and commemorative service in memory of the 14 women massacred in Montreal in 1989 and the other women and children who are victims of violence is being held Saturday, Dec. 3, 5:45 p.m. at First Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave. For information, call **H. Brown**, 730-1823.

YOUNG ADULTS THEATRE EVENING

Young Adults Evening at the Theatre committee, in association with Leah Posluns Theatre, is presenting a great alternative to liven up your Saturday nights. Join other singles for *Punch Me In The Stomach*, a new show by New York comic **Deb Filler**, followed by reception, Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns. Call 630-6752 to reserve.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Widows/Widowers (begins Jan. 17); Positive Parenting For Teens, Preschool Children and The School Age Child (begins January); One Marriage, Two Religions (begins January). For fee and registration information, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

JIS EXTENDS HOURS

As volunteers are available, Jewish Information Service (JIS) will be open during the week until about 7 p.m. JIS has information on community services and accommodation in the Greater Toronto area for singles, seniors, adolescents, children; an Accommodation Registry; information on holidays, festivals, cultural programs, resources, synagogues and temples; where to locate counselling; and newcomer information. Specialized written information directories are also available (nominal charges in some cases). The number is 635-5600.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors general meeting and installation of officers is Thursday, Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Program includes light lunch and entertainment. Call **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 and over, meets every other Friday morning 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Wagman Centre boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. Next meeting is Nov. 26. Call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271, for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club newly elected board of directors: **Max Lazer**, president; **Charles Cohen**, vice-president; **Mary Gregg**, second vice-president; **Sylvia Plant**, secretary; **Elizabeth Steiner**, treasurer. Upcoming events: Saturday dance, Nov. 27, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dances, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *Once Upon a Scoundrel*, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.; Chanukah party, Tuesday, Dec. 14. Club is open for new members. Watch for exciting events. For information, call club office, 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Chanukah party, Monday, Dec. 13, at 12:30 p.m. features entertainment by **Michael Khinkis**. A trip to Arizona and Las Vegas including kosher hotels is in the planning. For details on activities and trips, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club has a few seats left for the 1994 Miami trips. Registration takes place Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For information, call **Libby**, 782-2059. Tickets are now available for the Chanukah party, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Centre with **Phil Gold** and his orchestra and refreshments including latkes.,

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Nov. 24 **Paul Michaels** of the Canada Israel Committee speaks about Israel. For information, call **Eliezer**, 783-9453.

At the **Wagman Centre**, a musical afternoon with **Gord Lindsay** is arranged 1:30-2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. The Tuesday Nov. 30 program presents singer **Boris Chouster**, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Senior Adult Services announces that a waiting list is being taken for the trip to Costa Rica Jan. 23-Feb. 6. If interested, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

Have Your Say! Are you worried about the future of health care, pensions, taxes? The Social Action Committee wants to petition the government with your issues. Come to the members' general meeting Thursday, Nov. 25, 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information, call **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

The Ways and Means Committee presents A Fall Into Winter Fashion Show Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. Fall and winter clothing and accessories will be available for purchase. Tickets are $3. Everyone welcome. For information, contact **Barbara Zigler** or **Stephanie Black**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking adults, meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. The Chanukah party featuring **Shlomo Aviv** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis** is set for Dec. 8. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

The movie *Folks* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Nov. 28, there's a dance with the music of the Creative Band 7:30-10:30 p.m.

About People

J.I. SEGAL AWARD

Prof. Gerald Tulchinsky, Department of History, Queens University, is the 1993 recipient of the J.I. Segal Prize in the English/French category on a Jewish theme for his book *Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community*. The prize was presented at an award ceremony Nov. 4 at the Jewish Public Library in Montreal.

A POEM FOR TEAM CANADA

A poem for Team Canada, written by **Martin Kramer**, was requested by Hockey Canada for motivational purposes. Kramer has written extensive poetry and musical material on sports themes and is interested in promoting sportsmanship and fair play. Anyone involved in sports activities with specific applications for this material can contact him at 787-5742.

WELLESLEY APPOINTMENT

Dr. Phillip Berger joins The Wellesley Hospital as chief of the Department of Family and Community Medicine Jan. 1, 1994.

Dr. Philip Berger

Known for his work in the community, Berger is chair of the Toronto HIV Primary Care Physicians Group, a founding member of the Canadian Centre of Victims of Torture and the Medical Reform Group of Ontario, and a member of the board of directors of the Addiction Research Foundation.

Since 1986, Berger has been with the Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) national committee of law and social action, and he sits on the CJC joint community relations committee, Ontario region.

A graduate of the Faculty Medicine of the University of Manitoba, Berger completed his post-graduate work in family practice at the University of Toronto.

TECHNION MEETING

Pictured at the joint meeting of the Canadian and American Technion Societies held in Montreal recently are (from left) Prof. Zehev Tadmor, president of Technion; Lewis Weston, president of the American Technion Society; Mordecai Richler, guest speaker; and Sydney Cooper, president of the Canadian Technion Society.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Agronove Family Perpetual Scholarship Fund was recently established at Canadian ORT-Ontario Region. Proceeds will benefit ORT students. Dr. Larry Agronove (right) and his wife Susan (left) are pictured with his late parents Emanuel and Goldie, all of London, Ont.

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Organizations and People

New Jewish rituals created to respond to feminist issues

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Susan Weidman Schneider, Canadian-born editor-in-chief of *Lilith*, the glossy New York feminist Jewish quarterly, told a Toronto audience recently that she now puts an orange on her Seder plate every year at Passover. Obviously relishing the symbolic import, Weidman Schneider explained that an artist in her 70s had been inspired to create a ceramic Seder plate complete with ceramic orange after her rabbi told her, "My dear, a woman belongs on the bimah just like an orange belongs on a Seder plate."

Weidman Schneider was keynote speaker at a program co-sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network, UJA Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation and held at Adath Israel Congregation.

In the past 20 years, the religious issues of Jewish feminism have shifted from equal participation to equal value, Weidman Schneider noted. She mentioned that there are no prayers specifically for childbirth, "a fairly common female experience."

New rituals have been created which address some of the issues. "Orthodox daughters are being welcomed with naming ceremonies and are having bat mitzvah ceremonies," she said.

Women's roles have also been circumscribed in Jewish communal life. "I used to speak of the invisible mechitzah," Weidman Schneider said. "I later learned to call it the glass ceiling. What it is saying is that women belong on committees dealing with [issues such as] childraising, culture, hospitality." Men, she noted, are typically found on committees dealing with policies, budgets and finance.

Lilith is now compiling a resource list of Jewish women with expertise in a wide range of areas.

Jewish women's philanthropy, which *Lilith* investigated last year, was an unexplored issue for a long time. "One of the things I found distressing was that women's giving went unrecognized," Weidman Schneider said. "They didn't want fancy dinners, but at the same time they understood that they had to be role models for younger women. We need to become more visible."

Issues affecting Jewish families call for creative solutions, Weidman Schneider said. "The two-job family is an economic necessity for most of us." The 92nd Street Y in New York has taken an innovative step in offering basic courses in Judaism for children's caregivers, for which employers provide time off.

Weidman Schneider would like to see prepared Shabbat dinners made available by synagogue caterers for people who don't have the time to prepare such dinners themselves.

Her wide-ranging talk also addressed negative stereotyping within the Jewish community. "There isn't another group of women that has the same type of jokes and nasty images. Jewish guys say the most horrible things about Jewish young women, and vice versa."

The situation doesn't improve as women age. "The Italian grandmother [may be] a little old-fashioned, but the Jewish grandmother is practically feeding her children strychnine with the chicken soup."

Jewish survival is contingent on community responsibility, according to Weidman Schneider. Among other things, "we have to recognize diversity [within the Jewish community.] We have to respond as a community so that the lives of all Jews can be strengthened.

"It is excruciatingly impractical to hear about Jewish continuity and to have rabbis go pale in the face when babies whimper in synagogue," she said, noting that individuals are also responsible for reaching out to other Jews, perhaps by extending an invitation for a meal.

Feldman gets top position

TORONTO — Michael C. Feldman was elected national president of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University at a board meeting held Nov. 10. Feldman succeeds Sam Crystal who served as national president for two years and as member of the national board for 14 years. Crystal will continue serving on the board.

At the same meeting, Marvin Sadowski was elected vice-president and Karen Miller was elected secretary-treasurer.

Hollywood avoided Jewish subjects

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Hollywood was so wary of Jewish subjects up until the 1950s that the word "Jew" was not used even once in *The Benny Goodman Story* and *The Jolson Story*.

This was revealed by a professor who has made the study of films his life's work in a talk sponsored by Holocaust Education Week at Morris Winchevsky School.

Holocaust Education Week

Remember

Hollywood was so quixotic in its handling of Jews that in the 1947 film *Crossfire*, the victim was changed from a black man into a Jew despite the book on which the film was based, said Prof. Peter Smollet. But in *Home of the Brave*, a Stanley Kramer film, the victim was black instead of a Jew, as he was in the book.

Smollet, now retired from the University of Regina, said that to its credit, Hollywood reversed its position and has come out with some excellent films of Jewish interest, his favorite being *Torch Song Trilogy*.

Gentlemen's Agreement done in 1947 by Elia Kazin broke new ground, Smollet said, but "it took the naive view that anti-Semitism was due to the fact that Jews were different."

In his opinon, "the hatred of Jews in every segment of the population has nothing to do with differences. It is an attack on Jews for being Jews."

Even though Holywood in the 1930s and 1940s was mostly run by immigrant Jews, Smollet said, they created an image of small-town America populated with WASPs.

He recommended *Shoa* as the best film made about the Holocaust and said even though it runs to nine hours in length, it should be seen in one sitting for maximum effect.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m. , 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad,please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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Sat. Dec. 4 8 p.m. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook. Ages 26-40, 41-69. *Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Rummicube, etc. Early Bird Bingo 8-8:30 Prizes. Refreshments. Admission $5.00. **36 couples have already met!!** Mollie 733-3634.

Atideynu Lodge (20s&30s) presents Yuk Yuk's at Eglinton and Yonge on Thursday Nov. 25 7:30p.m. Meet in front of ticket booth. Contact Jason 738-8960

Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having our next singles party Saturday Nov.27 The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

Singles dance the night away on Saturday Dec.25 1993 at 8p.m. at the **Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre** 7601 Jane St. 1 block south of Highway 7 Cash bar Romantic champagne and midnight buffet. $25 in advance $30 at door. For more information call Zev or Mary at **660-9912**

Social Encounters-a Group for Singles-presents a special evening with **Brian Costello**, Canada's foremost Financial Commentator. This free seminar will present exciting ideas on tax reduction and investment planning at Beth Shalom Synagogue, Sunday Nov. 28th at 8p.m. No cost, buts RSVP at (416) 733-3573. Refreshments will be served. Question/Answer session to follow.

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Geography helped to save Sephardi lives during the war

Holocaust Education Week

Remember

By JACK KOHANE

TORONTO — The Nazi regime and the Sephardi community is a lesser known chapter in the annals of Holocaust history. Although Sephardim suffered terribly under German occupation and perished alongside their Ashkenazi brethren, many more Sephardim managed to escape. For these fortunate ones, it was due to the luck of geography.

Dr. Sara Carlen, born in Tunisia and now a professor of Sociology at York University, has lectured extensively on the experiences of Sephardi Jewry during the World War II. She provided insight into this issue at a public forum at Petach Tikvah Anshei Castilla during Holocaust Education Week.

Her lecture covered the whole of the Mediterranean region, touching on the near annihilation of Sephardi Jews down through history.

In 1940, Dr. Carlen indicated, their numbers reached almost 400,000 (3 per cent of the total North African population). Although they did experience unrelenting harassment from the authorities during the war, most were not deported to the death camps. In fact, many Muslims hid their Jewish friends to keep them from being apprehended.

Algeria was to prove the major exception. As a French Protectorate, Jews were granted full citizenship in a decree promulgated in the 1870s. All that came to an end with the coming of Marshal Henri Phillippe Pêtan, Nazi collaborator and inveterate anti-Semite. Overnight he declared the Jews of Algeria as aliens, annulling their citizenship and statehood. The same policy he extended to mainland French Jews.

Thus, the way was paved for the deportations to be conducted with speedy dispatch. But even in France itself, the police only reluctantly rounded up native-born Jews, whom they considered fellow-countrymen.

Bordeaux is the site of an ancient Sephardi community. At the start of the Nazi occupation of France, the Jewish population stood at nearly 10,000. In this city, at least, most of the inhabitants remained unmolested, although many of their children were sent off to concentration camps.

Surprisingly in Fascist Italy, there was more sympathy towards Jews and authorities attempted to delay their forced emigration as long as possible. In southern Italy especially many Italian Jews of Sephardi origin were kept concealed by the efforts of local leaders and ordinary men and women. As well, many of the persecuted in Europe who escaped to within Italy's border's, were given ready asylum.

Another long-time Sephardi centre was Amsterdam. When the Germans easily took control of Holland, the deportations of Dutch Jews went ahead full tilt. Eichmann and Himmler competed to see how many Dutch Jews each could round up and ship out quicker.

Nearly 70 per cent of those deported ended their lives at either Theresienstadt or Sobibor. The Dutch government, or what remained of it, was not motivated by anti-Semitism, Carlen stressed. But being far too weak, it could not counteract the Nazi crackdowns on liberties and subsequent mass deportations. Again, many Sephardim managed to be hidden or make their escape before the most severe persecution were enacted.

The most brutal treatment was reserved for the Jews of Salonica, Greece. The majority of these were Sephardim. Here they were starved to death in controlled areas reminiscent of other European ghettos.

Those who were later captured became destined to ride the cattlecars to the death camps in the north. Most perished en route. "It took eight days for the trains to make the journey from Salonica to Auschwitz," Carlen explained. "Those few emaciated souls that somehow survived this terrible passage were so enfeebled that they usually died within days or weeks of arrival at the camps. The typhus they brought spread quickly to the other inmates of Auschwitz. At one point, the disease raged so rampantly that camp officials stopped new arrivals from entering the installation until all the victims were dead and buried."

Carlen pointed out, the Sephardi people mourn today for those who died during the Holocaust and always shall. "But we look on this as a moment in time for the Jews. It is a lesson in stark inhumanity, to be sure. It will never be forgotten. However, we cannot dwell too long on this 'dark age' or become obsessed by it. Jewish history is long and full of glorious times and we have many things to be grateful for. That is the positive side to our traditions and should remain our focal point."

Youth assumed many responsibilities

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Jewish youth movements in Eastern Europe played an essential role during the Holocaust according to the educational director of the Morris Winchevsky School.

"The young took on responsibilities that no one else could take on," Baruch Goldin told a meeting of Youth for Youth, a subcommittee of the Holocaust remembrance committee. The subcommittee which met as part of the recent Holocaust Education Week, is made up of young people under age 25 who create programs to teach other youth about the Holocaust.

Goldin told the group that at the start of war, the youth movements practically broke down because they were left without leadership. "These people, some as young as 16 or 17, took leadership upon themselves and reorganized movements in the ghetto. They did such things as open soup kitchens and distribute mutual funds. They would have done more but there were more people than they could help."

Spiritual survival was also essential to the youth and to this end they continued ideological preparation for aliyah, created underground clubs, and operated study groups and libraries. "This was all done in a closed and restrictive atmosphere. What they did was provide a shelter from the realities so that people could get a break, even for a minute, from the insane and desperate reality of the ghetto. They helped save people and they gave people the ability to believe in themselves."

He said that during this period, no one could imagine that Eastern Europe Jewry faced total extermination. "They thought they were in for a long period of occupation but they never thought in terms of the Final Solution until 1942. It was then that movements began the process of creating armed forces in the ghetto and started the unique courier network. These couriers, mostly female, had the job of travelling with forged documents and delivering information from one isolated ghetto to another. This was a risky and dangerous job, one in which they could have lost their lives. The literature they carried was like explosives. It was about deportations and the establishment of the first death camp."

Goldin said that it took a long time for the groups to revolt because there was a lot of opposition and rejection from the Jewish population. "Any attempt to revolt could have sped up elimination of the ghetto. Pressure on the underground was enormous."

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Organizations and People

Kristallnacht terror recalled

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's Jewish community joined its counterparts all over the world on Tuesday, November 9, to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht — The Night of Shattered Glass — the first major Nazi pogrom against the Jews of Germany and Austria. For Winnipeg, it was the first such commemoration and it marked another chapter in the growing co-operation between the Jewish community and non-Jewish groups united in their opposition to racism.

The evening was co-sponsored by the B'nai Brith League for Human Right's Midwest region, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Holocaust Awareness Committee and the Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid. A good-sized crowd, gathered at the steps of the Manitoba Legislature, heard both Barbara Goszer, co-chair of the Holocaust Awareness Committee, and Helmut-Harry Loewen of MCARA issue calls to honor the victims of the Holocaust by remaining ever vigilant and stepping up the fight against racism.

Michael Lazar, chair of the Midwest region of the League for Human Rights, reviewed Kristallnacht's appalling statistics of destroyed synagogues, Jewish businesses and homes, 100 dead and 40,000 Jews sent to concentration camps. He and the other speakers also sounded an alarm about growing racism in America and elsewhere. "Ethnic cleansing is racist murder by another name," he noted.

'Forces of hate'

"We can't remain silent in the face of racism," he said. "We can't let fellow Canadians be targeted by the forces of hate. We must expose racism wherever we can."

Helmut-Harry Loewen described Canada as fertile soil for a number of racist groups such as the Klan, the Aryan Resistance Movement and the followers of Ernst Zundel. "By coming here tonight, we are sending a strong message to politicians," he said. "Community groups are doing their part in confronting racist groups on the front lines and monitoring their activities but we can't do it alone. We need signals from the provincial and federal governments that they are determined to put an end to racism. Where there is strong public opposition to racism, these groups don't proliferate."

The last speaker was Esther Finkle, a participator in The March of the Living in 1992. "My generation will be the last to have contact with the survivors of the Holocaust," she said. "We are the future. Racism is alive and well. Our duty as Jews is to educate and make people aware."

Following the speeches, everyone walked around the Legislative Building to the Holocaust Memorial where yahrzeit candles were lit and Kristallnacht survivor Eugene Albersheim recited Kaddish. Jonathan Kroft, WJCC vice-president of community relations, completed the evening with a poem.

Danes helped save Jews from Nazis

By JACK KOHANE

TORONTO — One of the most inspiring episodes of World War II was that of the Danish rescue of most of its Jewish citizens from right under the noses of the Nazis.

This event, which took place 50 years ago, was the subject of lecture by Dr. Carol Rittner during the recent Holocaust Education Week.

Rittner, a Baltimore nun, is the founding director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and a member of the Institute for Christian Jewish Studies. Her 1986 film *The Courage to Care*, which chronicled the Danish rescuers, was nominated for an Academy Award.

Her lecture was sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

"The story of the Danish Jews, and the singularly astounding response of the Danish people, was unique among all the countries of Europe," Rittner said.

The Danes repudiated the Nazi political ideology and racial doctrine from the start of the German occupation in 1940, she said. The German Foreign Office in Copenhagen was told that any anti-Jewish actions would be met with the resignation of the entire Danish Parliament.

"This story should be made required reading in political science for all students who wish to learn something about the enormous power potential inherent in non-violent action and in resistance to an opponent possessing vastly superior means of violence."

During that time, Rittner said there were about 6,400 Danish Jews, as well as 1,400 German Jewish refugees who had found asylum in the country prior to the war.

Through an intricate web of counterintelligence, subterfuge and clandestine resistance groups, the Danish population hid their Jewish countrymen, fed them, gave them work and finally helped them escape via a flotilla of boats to Sweden.

Rittner said it is difficult to know how the peace-loving Danes could accomplish this mass rescue while those in other countries couldn't.

"If there was one simple answer to this phenomenon I could finish this research and go on to the next," she said.

She said the Danish tradition of democracy and pacifism was the strongest in mainland Europe. Rittner said the Danes possessed an innate sense of moral responsibility that was reinforced by the church. They didn't fear Nazi retaliation.

Hitler himself was an ardent admirer of Danish history and culture, according to Rittner. He saw the Danes as ideal Aryans. Thus, German policy was almost laissez-faire in Danish internal politics, she said. The government and press went about their business much as they had before the occupation. The Danes were given wider leeway to voice their opinions, good or bad.

"Yet, it was the people of Denmark who made the Jewish rescue possible," Rittner said. "Old and young, rich and poor, doctors, laborers, taxi drivers, fishermen, nearly every Dane took some part in this extraordinary undertaking."

Rev. Earl Albrecht of the Holocaust remembrance committee attended the lecture. "We must continue to abhor violence and reject bigotry in all their permutations. Above all, we must remember that we are indeed our brother's and sister's keeper."

Zionist group makes comeback

WINNIPEG — After a four-year hiatus, YOFI (Youth Organization For Israel) is back. The reborn Winnipeg Zionist group for young adults aged 17-25, under the sponsorship of the Candian Zionist Federation (CZF), held its first program — an Israeli-style coffee party at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue — on Oct. 31. That event was followed up with a panel discussion on Nov. 18 at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre featuring four young Winnipeggers who have served in the Israel Defence Force.

YOFI was formed in 1984 by a group of young Winnipeggers who had recently returned from Israel. They celebrated Jewish holidays together, arranged speakers and discussion groups and had a chug ivrit where they only spoke Hebrew.

"YOFI combined social and more serious programing," says Karen Solomon, a CZF staffer in Winnipeg. "It was disbanded in 1989 because most of its members made aliyah.

"We felt there was a need to revive it as part of our mandate to promote Zionism. There are no other Zionist youth group in the city."

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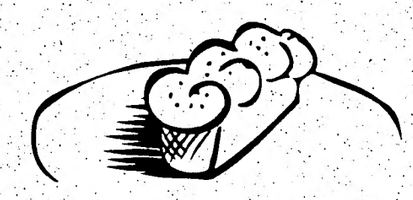

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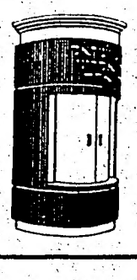

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Gifted musicians' talents revealed

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Zvi Plesser

Daniel Gortler

Yehonatan Berick

TORONTO — A Toronto audience had a taste of the accomplishments of three gifted young Israeli musicians recently at the 5th Annual Concert sponsored by the Toronto Chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation at the Jane Mallett Theatre at St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

The concert, titled, "Three of Note," is one of the ongoing programs of the Foundation, whose objective is to build cultural bridges between Israel and Canada.

The three prize-winning musicians, all in their mid-20s, were violinist Yehonatan Berick, pianist Daniel Gortler, and cellist Zvi Plesser. They performed as soloists and as a trio.

The difficult tasks of selecting young Israeli musicians for this concert fell to Walter Homburger, vice-chairman of CICF's Arts Advisory Committee, and Benny Gal-Ed, Israel representative. The three musicians appeared in concert at the Lincoln Centre Library Concert in New York and at the Freiman Auditorium of the University of Ottawa the day before their performance in Toronto.

Gortler opened the recital with Ludwig van Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 14 in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2*. Spanning many moods and techniques, Gotler's face and body responded to the passion of the music. The slow adagio sostenuto was enhanced by the performer's command of his instrument. The more dramatic allegretto and sprightly presto agitato brought emotions from solemn to sprightly by a performer who exudes confidence and control.

Gortler is the winner of numerous international awards and competitions including first place in the International Competition in Bremen, Germany in 1991. A CD of his prize-winning performance of *The Mozart Concerto* has been released.

Accompanied by Gotler, Plesser chose for his solo performance Schumann's *Adagio and Allegro in A Flat Major Op. 70*. Plesser, who made his debut at the Kennedy Centre in Washington with the National Symphony Orchestra in 1991, and was winner of the Young Soloist Competition, projected a delicate sound and the confidence of a seasoned performer.

Plesser has appeared as soloist with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic and numerous other orchestras in the United States, Europe and Israel. He has also performed extensively with the Aviv Quartet.

Playing with the ease of an experienced violinist, Berick moved through Maurice Ravel's *Tzigane*, written in 1924 for violin and piano, with exceptional phrasing. The violin spoke to the audience punctuated by spirited staccato interludes.

Currently studying in Montreal, Berick is Artist-in-Residence at McGill University and a member of the McGill Chamber Ensemble. He was hand-picked by Isaac Stern to be the recipient of a major Sharett Scholarship for study at the University of Cincinnati, a scholarship made possible through the generosity of Morley Cohen, a long-time member of the Montreal Chapter of CICF. Berick has appeared with most of the major orchestras in Israel and Europe and he is a prize winner of the 1993 Naumburg competition, the Concerto competition in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Clairmont Award in Israel.

Franz Liszt's *Verdi-Paraphrasen*, performed by Gortler, left the captivated audience clamoring for more. Powerfully executing the Hungarian composer's piano solo, Gortler reached levels of proficiency now seen in an extraordinarily high number of young Israeli performers.

Performing as a trio, they chose Schumann's *No. 3 in G Minor for Piano, Violin and Cello, Op. 110* for the finale. Their performance was mature and spirited.

Samuel Bresler, the president of the Toronto Chapter of CICF, thanked the supporters and the Ford Motor Company of Canada for their generous support of the concert.

Sharon Freeman was the concert chair.

Kings of klezmer music help downtown school

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — The Downtown Jewish Community School's first ever fundraising event brought together several heavyweights of klezmer music in an informal program of song and storytelling. The venue was the accoustically perfect Walter Hall in the University of Toronto's Music Faculty Building, which proved to be a perfect showcase for this rousing, ripsnorting, joyful, yet technically difficult genre. The wonderfully ambient surroundings not only augmented the richness of the sound, it also allowed the audience to distinguish the distinctive contribution of each instrument within the ensemble.

The star of the evening was Leopold Kozlowski who was billed as "the last klezmer of Galicia." A Holocaust survivor and partisan fighter who still makes his home in Poland, Kozlowski came armed with a formidable technique on the piano and fascinating tales in Yiddish about his life and times. He also included a few of his own tunes in his set demonstrating impressive composing skills as well.

Kozlowski is currently touring North America with Yale Strom, an extremely talented New York-based klezmer violinist and ethnomusicologist. Strom also provided the English translation for Kozlowski's stories. To gild the lily, Toronto's own very popular Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band played both on their own and in ensemble sets with Strom which made for some pretty hot music.

The concert was not for all tastes; for those who came only for the music, Kozlowski's loose and rambling anecdotes may have slowed down the action. On a human level, however, these stories were very important. Kozlowski is the last of his kind and as such deserves to be honored, both for his music and his life. Perhaps the most poignant story was being summoned to teach the German sergeant in the concentration camp how to play Strauss waltzes on the accordion, knowing that his life depended on whether the sergeant's SS colleagues responded well to the man's playing.

New player in tow

The Flying Bulgars had a new player in tow, with Alex Luminsky replacing Allan Cole on piano and accordion, but the good news is that the group still performs with their same crazy energy, Luminsky fitting right into the groove. The more this writer sees of klezmer music, the more is the realization that each musician has to be a virtuoso in his or her own right and use every trick of the trade to make each number truly swing. With the addition of Strom's awesome fiddle playing, the Flying Bulgars were able to put forth a program that was alive, fresh and spontaneous.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Oxford Companion To The Bible, edited by B. Metzger & M. Coogan (Oxford University Press, $59.95)

The Bible remains the world's largest selling book, averaging thirty million copies a year. It has been estimated that since Gutenberg invented the printing press in 1453 and made the Bible his first project, as many as 150 billion copies of the Bible, in all languages, have been printed.

As best sellers go, the Bible would seem to have everything against it. It is a collection of books without a great deal of unity and its size is overwhelming. Moreover, it contains names and places that are often strange and hard to pronounce and many of its themes and ideas belong to a world that has long since passed away.

Moreover, the reader is confronted with its extraordinary range of diverse materials: history, legends and folk tales, law and ethics, theology, proverbs and poetry.

If reading the Bible is so difficult, why should it be considered so important and worthwhile? Over the centuries many reasons have been adduced to explain its uniqueness and why it should be devoutly read and assiduously studied. These reasons include the following: It is a treasure chest of wisdom and inspiration that guided the generations before us; it contains some of the most profound insights into the meaning of human life; it is the single, most important source of our Western culture and ethical precepts; it has had profound infuence through the centuries on religious thought; it is perhaps the most complete history of the ancient past that we possess.

For many Jews and Christians there is an even more important reason for reading the Bible: it is the source of God's revelation, a self communication to humankind in a world that He created and sustains.

Given the numerous problems of approaching the Bible properly, a reliable and authoritive guide can be a source of immense help.

"The Oxford Companion to the Bible" arranged alphabetically, clarifies Biblical thought on a host of subjects; It details the key persons, places events, concepts, institutions and religious beliefs as well as the influence of the Bible on the world's literature and on many facets of secular life. It covers both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

Capture essence

Two hundred and fifty scholars, many of them Jewish, have contributed articles from Aaron to Zion which capture the essence of the Book of Books in all its majestic diversity. Most of the entries are brief and succinct, but some, such as "Literature and the Bible," "Women," "Translations," "Printing and Publishing," "History of Interpretation," and Biblical Theology" are of sufficient length to treat the topics with the necessary detail.

It is wise, if one's time is limited, to severely restrict oneself to the single entry sought, for the reader is quickly attracted to other subjects. Thus, one afternoon, I went from 'Myrrh" to "Mystery Religions," from "Nag Hammadi Library" to Nephilin" and from the "Nuzi Tablets" to the "Red Cow."

This handsome volume of almost 900 pages includes a series of helpful maps, bibliography and index. It is highly recommended.

Catskills a hit in Toronto

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — What was the hot topic of a six-hour executive meeting of a Florida condo village? Comedian Freddie Roman says it was to decide whether grandchildren should be allowed in the swimming pools during Christmas vacation.

Roman and others in the cast of *Catskills on Broadway* turned a bright spotlight on the foibles of Canadian and American Jewish life in their recent show at Massey Hall. It was, as billed, a hilarious two hours for people with the gift of laughing at themselves.

The Florida scene was the favorite target for Roman, Mal Z. Lawrence and Dick Capri, and why not, considering the popularity of the early bird dinner (at 3 p.m.) to avoid paying an extra $5 for eating a piece of fish in the dark.

All in all, it was *comedy noir* night, a rueful look at the underbelly of Jewish life in America, not only in the Catskills and Florida, but in the three-bedroom house in the suburbs.

The latter caused Lawrence to stare into a near-empty drawer of his dresser, while his wife is packing for the Catskills, every cupboard and drawer in the house hanging open. "What have I done to deserve this?" Lawrence moans (to the empty drawer), saying the most acrimonious time in the life of every Jewish couple is when they are packing for a vacation.

Capri transferred the scene to New York where he was mugged in a public library and had to whisper for help. There is a new Yiddish opera out, he said, titled *All My Children Are Too Busy To Call Me*." He took a few delightful pokes at Reform rabbis. "They all talk as if they're Richard Burton."

The impression of Katherine Hepburn as a stand-up comic at the Neville resort was the highlight of mimic Louise Du Art's act which she carried out at break-neck speed, too fast for some of the impressions to be recognized.

It remained for old smoothie Roman (he's 56), who conceived the show, to hold it together, to give it a raison d'etre, while Lawrence was happily sticking in the needles.

The show was produced by Robert C. Benia and Michael D. Lyons of Toronto. Musical director Joseph Baker hired local performers Barry Romberg, Victor Bateman, Ted Quinlan, Heshi Kuhnreich, Dave Dunlap, John Johnson and Chayim Rubin to provide the music.

Pioneer Women bazaar

TORONTO — On Nov. 28, at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Na'amat will present their 65th Annual Pioneer Women Bazaar and Auction.

For the children (who are admitted free up to the age of twelve) there'll be a "Barney Party" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The kids can take pictures with the purple dinosaur. There will be a moon walk, a nine-car mini-circuit, cotton candy, popcorn and games. And lots of toys and books for sale at bargain prices.

At the auction sale, which starts at 11 a.m., there will be rare and special one-of-a-kind memorabilia autographed by the Blue Jays, the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the cast of the television soap, *The Young and the Restless*. Other items up for bids include a trip via El Al to Israel and a 1.60 brilliant cut diamond ring valued at $6,000.

Admission is $3 for adults and includes a chance to win $2,000 in cash. Transit goes to the door and the parking is free.

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BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

The Koffler Gallery announces the premiere of Selected Treasures on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Selected Treasures is the travelling component of A Treasury of Canadian Craft, the inaugural exhibition of The Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver and features a broad view of function, material, technique and aesthetic in the work of a range of craftsmakers.

In Canada, the past decade may be considered a renaissance period for craft. Exotic materials and techniques that have their origins in Asia, South America and Africa have influenced the work of many craftspeople in Canada. These cultural and ethnic influences "color" the perceptions of individual makers and, hence, the crafts of Canada. Use of indigenous materials and the incorporation of flora, fauna and other aspects of Canada's natural beauty complement both urban and sophisticated expressions depicted in the vast range of contemporary Canadian craft.

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With all the tempest over the Garth Drabinsky-Harold Prince production of *Show Boat* (perhaps much ado about nothing is more appropriate), Torontonians may have overlooked the fact that the former Hogtown has become an increasingly exciting city for theatre.

According to the Metropolitan Toronto Convention & Visitors Association, more than seven million theatre tickets are sold each year in Toronto, with half of them being bought by visitors. And on average, says the association, there are some 75 different productions happening each month.

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Feygele & Friends is the producer of an English- and Yiddish-language Chanukah Concert to be held at Northview Heights Auditorium, at the corner of Bathurst and Finch, on Saturday Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. Headliners include Faye Kellerstein and Michael Mandel performing songs of the Yiddish stage and cinema. Mime artist Jay Miller, comic Michael Lebovic and dancer Shula Saltzman round out the night's entertainment, along with Klapman's Klezmer Band. General admission is $12 and tickets are available at Negev and Israel's bookstores.

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Imagining Reality or the Art of Fiction, presented by author and City of Toronto Book Award winner Helen Weinzweig, headlines the fourth annual Fredelle Maynard Memorial Lecture at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library on Nov. 25.

Helen Weinzweig was born in Poland in 1915 and moved to Toronto at age nine with her mother. Her formal schooling began at Harbord Collegiate, where she was introduced to the English language and books. At 45, when her two sons had grown up, Weinzweig began looking for another direction in her life. It was at this point that she became interested in writing.

Her first short story, *Surprise!*, was accepted for publication by *Canadian Forum* in 1967 and in 1973, *Passing Ceremony*, her first novel was published. Weinzweig's second novel, *Basic Black With Pearls*, came out in 1980 and won the coveted City of Toronto Book Award in 1981. It wasn't until 1989 that her third book was printed. A collection of 13 short stories written throughout her career, *View from the Roof* was nominated for the Governor General's Award for English-language fiction.

The lecture will be held on the main floor of the library, in Room D, at 7 p.m. Admission to the events is free of charge, but tickets are required. Tickets are available during regular library hours from the Public Relations Department (393-7141) and the General Information Desk on the main floor of the Reference Library. Room D is wheelchair accessible.

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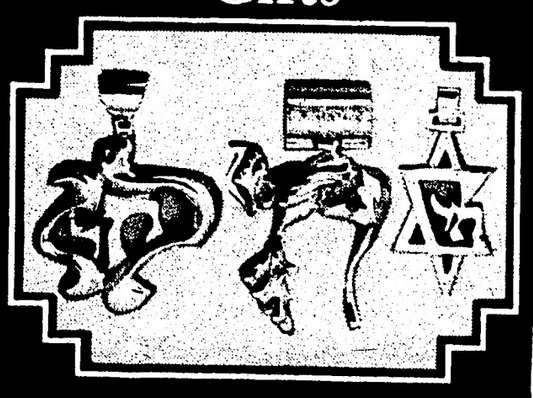

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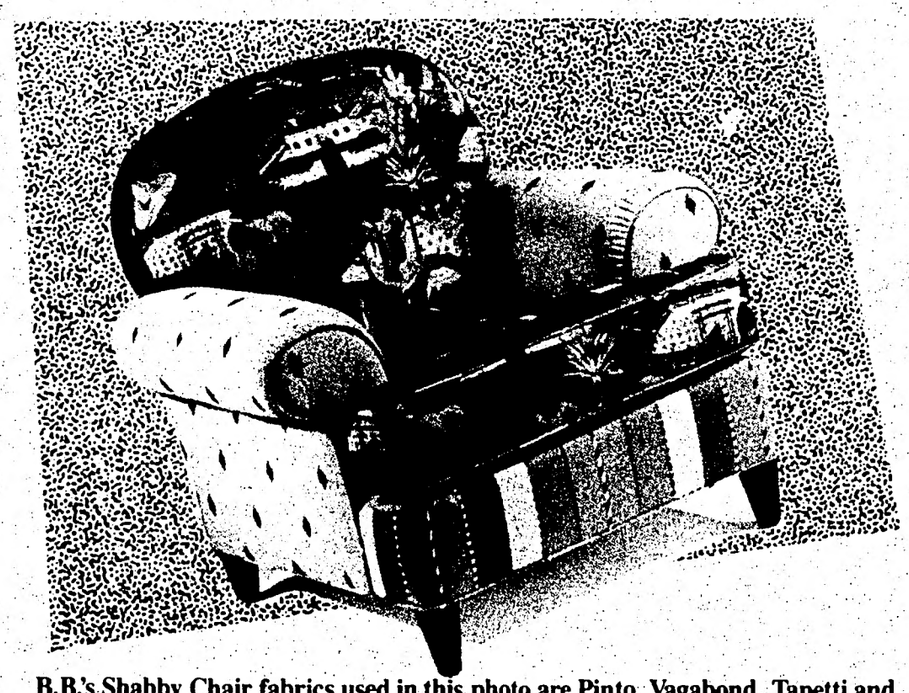

B.B.'s Shabby Chair fabrics used in this photo are Pinto, Vagabond, Tapetti and Rancharama.

Firm presents co-ordinated chaos

The rules of decorating have changed, says B.B. Bargoon's president Bonnie Brickel. Whereas in the '80s everything was matched, a new freedom in the '90s makes for what Brickel calls co-ordinated chaos.

"It's learn-as-you go style and having the courage to mix your favorite things," says Brickel. Decorating is loose, edges are smudged and the rules are simplified. It's the predictable punctuated with the unexpected.

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• Choose a scheme with color in mind. Remember patterns linked by color mix well, regardless of the variety of designs or syles and even when not a perfect match.

• Decorate with scale. Choose fabrics with the same size patterns. A variety of fabrics, all with a common scale, form an unexpected connection.

• Make a statement with content. Opposing colors can work together successfully when the content of the cloth is the same.

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Shallow Wool owners sit with clients to determine color, size and shape preferences for their carpet.

Shallow Wool creates unique carpet artwork

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

Floor coverings are sometimes overlooked as ideal pieces for adding character and beauty to a home.

Fashion underfoot best describes the beautiful custom-designed area rugs that Shallow Wool of Richmond Hill produces.

Owners Susan Anderson and Isaac Levy started Shallow Wool in 1990. Anderson, who designs the rugs, is a graduate of Institute Newmann, an arts college in Venezuela. Levy, who hails from the artistic city of Jaffa, brings his 15 years of experience hand tufting broadloom to the business.

The client takes part in all stages of production. Anderson begins by meeting with the client to discuss color, size and shape preferences. Textures can be varied, depending on whether the pile is cut or looped. "I play with the textures between both of these for a different effect," Anderson said.

Rugs can be irregularly shaped and special accents are often added. Anderson will occasionally blend tone and color gradually into a piece to create a watercolor effect. A mundane area rug can be jazzed up with ornate flowers blooming from its corners.

Once Anderson has come up with an idea of what the client wants, she draws up a color rendering. The client sees this along with wool and yarn samples. Finally, a full scale template of the rug is produced for approval, to ensure it will fit into the home nicely.

Shallow Wool produces the rugs on the premises. Because there are no middlemen, they are able to keep their prices down. As well, it reduces the chances of a customer ending up with a product they didn't envision. The client sees the rug on the loom and can make changes before it is taken off and the backing glued on.

All rugs are made from pure virgin wool, imported from New Zealand, which meets the Wool Bureau standards for moth proofing, fire resistance and color fastness. The rugs are cotton blend and latex laminated so they won't run when washed.

Shallow Wool is still relatively new in the industry but has won recognition. The company was given an honorable mention for best use of tradition at last year's One of A Kind Craft Show. It was also featured in *Azure* magazine, "based on the demonstration of the principles of good design" and on the cover of *Floor Coverings* magazine several times.

The company has corporate clients as well. It recently produced a massive area rug for the foyer of a downtown historical building, duplicating a mosaic in period style. Anderson also designs elaborate rugs by cutting and pasting broadloom together. In this way she produces carved effects in flowers or abstract patterns.

Wool gives off no static because it's natural and it doesn't flatten, says Anderson. She says it is the ultimate material for creating such works of art. "Why not do it in something that will last you forever?" she asks.

Young designers' shop going out of business

By AMY SATTIN

TORONTO — Patische, the co-operative boutique showcasing young Canadian designers profiled in *The CJN* last month (Oct. 28), is going out of business.

Co-owner Martha Charlton said the store will "most likely" close by the end of December.

She said reduced customer traffic is behind the closure. The store, located on the second floor of the Holt Renfrew Centre, is out of the way for passerby, she said.

Charlton said she stands behind the concept of a high-fashion co-operative for local designers, but has no plans to reopen Pastiche at a different location.

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The Boléro towel warmer is available through selected retailers and electrical contractors.

Planning an at-home business?

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Operating a business from home could be a great way to cut costs but before embarking on a home-based venture make sure you have a solid business plan, says one expert.

David Libman, a York Region chartered accountant, says that after ensuring there is a market for your product, analyze where you will get your start-up capital and for what it will be used.

He says the federal and provincial governments may offer a low- or no-interest loan under a business venture program. "Find out before approaching the bank."

Libman says once the start-up capital is secured, it should go towards equipment, inventory, advertising and marketing, and living expenses until the business generates a positive cash flow.

Before buying a computer and printer, fax machine, telephones and furniture, "look around. Maybe there is a good deal on used furniture." Or maybe rent office equipment with the option to buy. "Just don't leap blindly into any purchases. Know all the options and choose the soundest one," he says.

As for professional help, Libman says it is important to have an accountant and lawyer you can trust. The lawyer can help you name search and register the business or trade name, incorporate the business and negotiate and review contracts. An accountant can set up bookkeeping systems, register for government compliances such as GST and payroll taxes, prepare your financial statement and income tax return, and ensure you are claiming all the proper deductions. Expenses for a home based office are tax deductible but there are limitations.

Deductible expenses

He says for home office expenses to be tax deductible, the work space must be your principal place of business. It is not enough to have a desk and computer at home. "The workplace must also be used exclusively for the purpose of earning an income and be used on a regular basis for meeting clients, customers or patients of your business. Merely working at home does not entitle you to a deduction. Part of your residence must be set aside solely for business."

He says it is important to realize that the amount you can deduct is limited to income from your business. "If you make a $2,000 profit before office expenses but your expenses were $3,000, you can only deduct the $2,000. Expenses which apply to the whole residence are divided up between home and business. If you live in a six-room house and are using one room for business, one-sixth of your light, heat, water, realty taxes and rent, if you are a tenant, are deductible.

"If you are making structural changes to your home to accommodate your business, have an accountant make sure you are not jeopardizing your principal residence exemption."

Libman says the tax deductions, money saved on travelling to work and renting an outside office can make running a business from home profitable.

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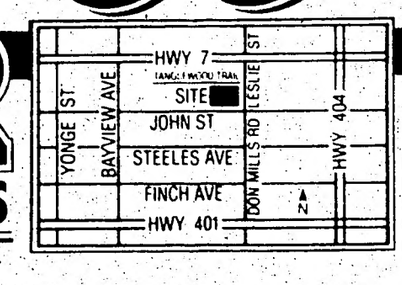

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Firm designs an environmentally-friendly building

By DEBBIE HELLER

The Body Shop, a leading retailer of skin and hair care products, has developed a reputation for being committed to the environment.

Recently, The Body Shop of Canada applied its environmentally-friendly approach to designing a new headquarters in Toronto.

Instead of tearing down the existing headquarters, The Body Shop purchased a 62,000-square foot warehouse in May 1992. The 35-year-old former print shop was modernized with every consideration for the environment.

"We recyled the building," said Body Shop Canada president Margot Fransson. "We wanted it to reflect The Body Shop's culture and values, by minimizing its environmental impact during the renovation and construction, and in the ongoing operation of the facility."

The one-year, $6-million project relied on input from engineers, architects, waste-reduction and recycling experts and environmental geologists.

Insulation was placed on the outside of the building to keep it warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The Body Shop expects to save more than $45,000 a year in energy costs.

A heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system services 22 individual zones throughout the facility. Each zone is equipped with a pump that can transfer excess heat from another zone. This heat exchanger can also pre-heat water for the domestic water system, and will save 15 to 25 per cent over a conventional system. The Body Shop says the system will pay for itself in two and a half years.

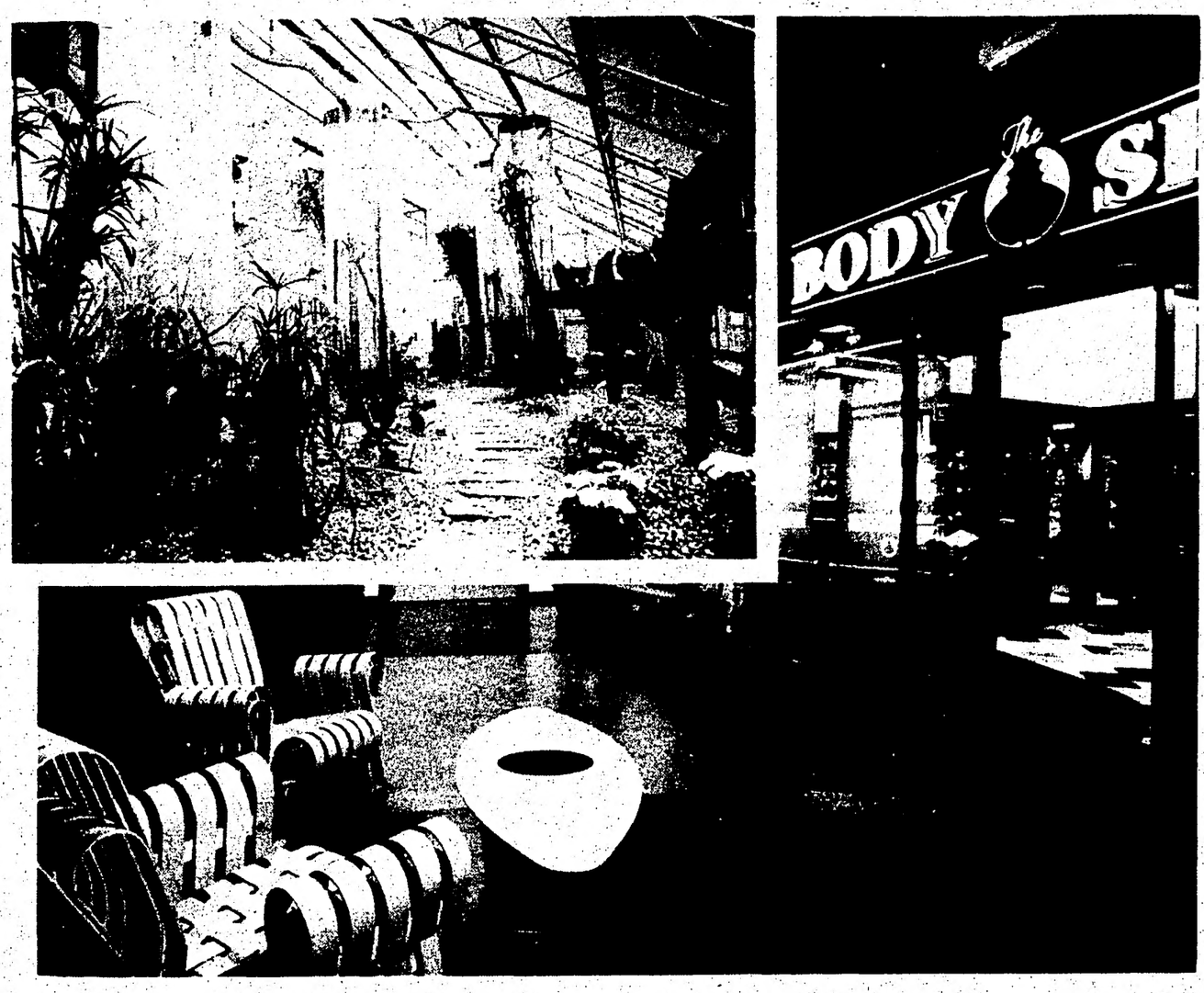
Skylights and windows were used extensively in the office and production areas, along with energy-efficient lighting fixtures. The 16 skylights are angled south to capture maximum sunlight throughout the year and are lined with mirrored film to reflect as much light as possible into the building.

Recycling meant a water system that converts waste water into drinking water and using bathroom fixtures salvaged from a hotel undergoing renovations. The carpeting is the first in Canada made from 100 percent recycled consumer nylon.

Interior offices are open concept and radiate from a central hub. A lounge with a wood-burning fireplace and an on-site daycare centre help create a homey feeling. Staff will also have a vegetable garden and lawn for recreation.

"Our boardroom also looks into the production area, so we are always face-to-face with the core of our success — our products," says Franssen.

There are 106 Body Shops in Canada. Sales in 1992 approached $100 million.



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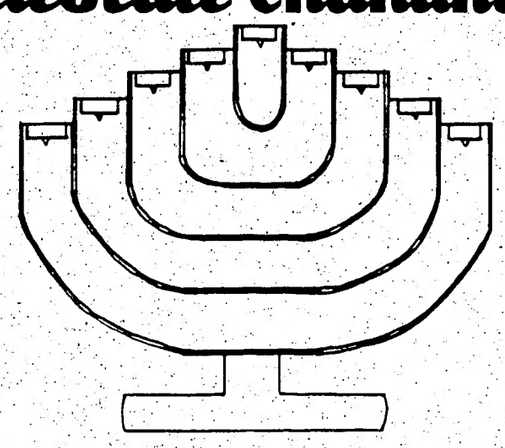

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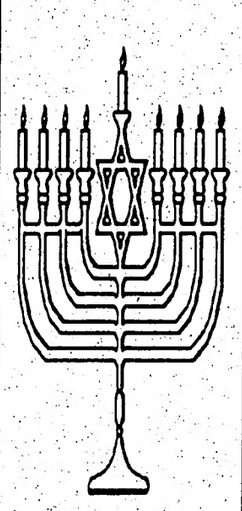

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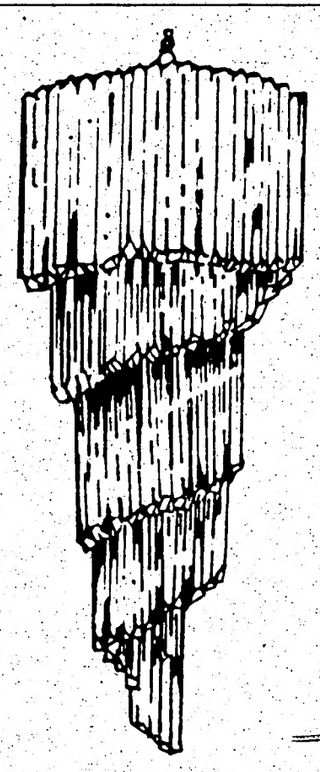

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Asbestos detection

By A. P. ALEXANDER

The word asbestos is derived from the Greek for inextinguishable. Its use and possible effects were first described by Pliny the Elder in the first century C.E.

Asbestos is a mineral fiber. It is fire resistant, workable, and inexpensive to produce. Until recently it was commonly used in building materials, insulation and fire-resistant coatings.

Asbestos is the only natural fiber that has been linked with cancer. Environmental scientists believe a single high-level exposure can cause long-term respiratory disease and possibly lung cancer. There is no effective treatment and no safe level of exposure.

There are no immediate symptoms of exposure to asbestos. Long term exposure may result in shortness of breath, chest tightness and persistent respiratory illness.

Asbestos fibers may be found in insulation, plaster, ceiling tiles, decorative coating, flooring tiles, roofing and siding shingles. Fortunately asbestos is dangerous only when the fibers are airborne. This happens when asbestos products age and become crumbly, or when they are disturbed.

Don't sample possible asbestos materials yourself. If done incorrectly, sampling can be more hazardous than leaving the material alone. An inspection should be performed by a professional who should sample suspected material and have it analyzed. Visual only inspection is usually not sufficient. If you're buying a house make sure the asbestos test is included in the pre-purchase inspection.

There are three ways to control asbestos in your home:

- Removal — the most expensive but considered by some experts to be the only permanent solution.
- Encapsulation — by spraying a sealant to hold loose fibers in place.
- Enclosure — by sealing off the asbestos with a protective wrap or other barrier.

All the above should be done by a professional asbestos abatement contractor. Don't be surprised if workers treat the material like radioactive waste. They know the danger and they follow very strict guidelines set by the Ministry of Labor.

There is one more option you may consider and discuss with the experts. If an asbestos-containing material is solid and unlikely to release fibers, the best thing to do is to leave it alone. Make sure anybody who may come close to it, including your family and tradesmen, is warned not to disturb this dangerous mineral.

A. P. Alexander is an indoor pollution testing and abatement consultant. For a free copy of a brochure How To Buy And Maintain A Pollution Free Home, *call (416) 626-0582.*

Serious work setting required for a home office: designer

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Home-based businesses are becoming the way of the future, and no one knows that better than Sheila Doris, an interior designer specializing in residence design.

Doris, who runs S.I. Design, says that with computers, modems, faxes and voice mail to link them to the outside world, many entrepreneurs and professionals find it more convenient to work from their home than to rent an outside office.

But rather than clearing away a corner of the dining room table, Doris says it is important to create a serious working environment.

"I see a home office as a place where someone can operate fully, not just make do."

She says creating a successful home office depends on effective space planning, storage, lighting and seating comfort. "What I do is assess my client's needs and come up with an office design that will make productive use of all the space she has available."

As for space planning, Doris analyzes how much space the person needs to work. "Will she be having a lot of meetings, which means room for more people? Will there be a lot of traffic in and out of the office? Is it necessary to create a waiting room? If more than one person is working in the office we may have to develop between private and public work areas."

Doris says table desks are a big trend for home offices because several people can meet at the table "and they take up less space than two or three smaller desks."

Closed storage space

She says she decides how much storage space is required after determining how much filing, sales promotion materials, office supplies and books and manuals will be housed in the office. To avoid clutter, she creates closed storage spaces and leaves the walls bare to make the room look larger.

Ergonomics, the study of human dimensions, is an important consideration when creating comfortable office space, she says. How much space a person needs to work depends on arm and leg lengths and how far a person can reach. "For instance, when creating filing cabinets, you don't want files so high that they cannot be reached and you do not want to spend a lot of time crouching." For desks, she recommends an adjustable document holder to keep papers at eye level.

Effective lighting is essential in any office space. Doris says overhead lighting creates glare on computer terminals. "Proper task lighting is accomplished with desk lamps and lights on the underside of upper storage cabinets for files and binders. Ambient lighting is mood lighting, often from a hidden light source. This light is often from decorative fixtures that create an atmosphere that while perfect for the home, is not conducive to offices."

Doris says colors play an important role in determining the image a client wishes to portray. "A lawyer's office is usually quite traditional, with dark walls. They tend to make a room appear smaller however, so what I can do is apply light sponging on top of the dark paint. What that creates is a mixture of the traditional and modern. It's a great effect. In general, lighter, rich colors such as cream or ivory give a spacious look to a smaller room."

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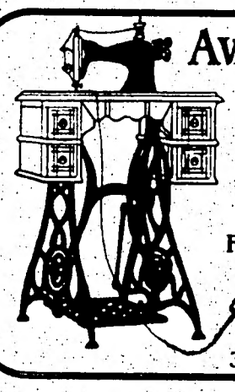
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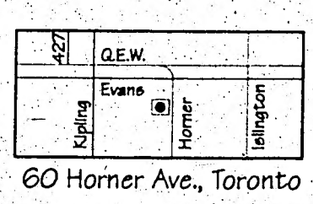

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Travel

Safed a city drenched in history, magic

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — There has always been something of the mystical, the spiritual, the non-materialistic about that pearl of the Galilee, Safed, located high on its mountain perch.

It is a city drenched in a history which embraces miracles, even in our times. One gets the impression that it is eternal, perpetual. Even the 1837 earthquake which devastated large parts of the town could not utterly destroy it, and the ruins which have remained half-buried for more than 150 years only add to the charm.

The curious visitor might get the impression that this city, with the heart of a village, is awaiting its next earthquake.

The famous artists' colony is only a shadow of its former self. With one notable exception, good hotels have all but disappeared. Because of its topography traffic has always been difficult; today it has been made almost impossible because of conversion of a large part of its only thoroughfare, which circles the city, into a pedestrian mall.

For many people there's nothing like the aroma of a good cup of hot coffee in the morning to get the day started, but for several thousand residents of Safed, who live within nostril reach of the coffee processing plant, the daily smell of roasting coffee beans is an ecological and environmental disaster. The Vered Hagalil chocolate factory, at least, is located out of town in the industrial area.

Many tourists may have cut Safed out of their itineraries, but for natives — anyone who has lived there for longer than six months considers himself a native — the city has an allure and a charm which make it a very special home.

The Kabbalists of old have disappeared, but their memory is in the air. The modern population constitutes a fascinating conglomerate of Chassidim, Russian immigrants, veteran Israelis, an English-speaking colony, and survivors of the once flourishing artists's quarter, all of whom, despite their differences, co-exist in harmony.

After all, it is still Safed, one of the country's four holiest cities. The two-hour visitor can never capture its spirit, but the four days we spent there recently gave us an inkling of an atmosphere (even coffee-flavored) which is unlike anything else in Israel.

A successful attempt to preserve the old mood is to be found in Bet Hameiri, a 400-year-old cluster of houses which has been transformed into a museum. It is not one of those sterile places where pictures hang on white walls, with large expanses of space, but a veritable clutter of memorabilia of the people and the life of Safed before attempts were made to modernize it.

One can begin to understand the spirit of the original Safed by looking at the picture in Bet Hameiri of one Itzik Mima, a town character, who used to go up to his roof to direct airplane traffic over the town. Proof of his efficiency: there was never an accident. And then it comes to us in a flash. Safed can not be judged by any of the criteria which we normally apply to other towns in Israel or elsewhere. It is in a category by itself.

Only in Safed would one find a painting, depicting the Muslim Dome of the Rock, displayed on the ceiling of one of the old synagogues.

If we complain about the narrow main street, a ring road around the central hill, let's remember it was once the moat of the fortress.

The old buildings, liberally pock-marked by bullets, are reminders of how the Jewish population fought off attackers in 1948, though vastly outnumbered by the Arabs. One rabbi tells us this was accomplished by miracle and by deed. The deed was that everybody recited Psalms. The miracle? That the Palmach came in time.

The Victor Halvani sculpture *Chariot of Fire* depicts Elijah's ascent to heaven in a modern space ship. Once again, Safed transcends two worlds.

Many links

Another link between the old and the new. It was here that Rabbi Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz composed the Sabbath hymn *Lecha Dodi* which one can hum while sipping a Pepsi-Cola. And here, too, we have the good fortune to meet Sari Tzvieg, composer of *Yedid Nefesh*. Written here only a quarter of a century ago, the tune has swept the Jewish world, and is today sung in synagogues everywhere. Worshippers think it is a traditional melody, little realizing that Sari still composes and sings and lives in Safed.

There are many names in the history of Safed: Joseph Caro and Isaac Luria, the Ari, among others. There are new names today belonging to those who are adding to the history of the city. Mention must be made of Aharon Botzer, whose Livnot U'Lehibanot project is restoring some of the earthquake-damaged landmarks, and at the same time opening new vistas into Judaism for young people who search for meaning in life.

And there are still the winding alleys and the old cemetery and over all, the mystic spirit. One who comes to visit for only a few hours would not understand.

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Yad Vashem memorial still a must stop in Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JERUSALEM — Dignitaries visiting Israel are always taken to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial-cum-museum set in the pine-scented foothills of Israel's capital.

It's a mandatory stop because the Holocaust was such a seminal moment in modern Jewish history.

To confront the horrors of the Holocaust as they unfold in Yad Vashem is to better understand Israel and the Jewish people.

In this sense, Yad Vashem may well be the single most important museum in Israel.

Yad Vashem, whose beautiful setting belies its stark exhibits, provides a rapt overview of the Holocaust.

It begins with a survey of German Jewry and Nazi Germany's persecution of its Jewish population, goes on to the establishment of ghettos and the implementation of the Final Solution and concludes with the themes of Jewish resistance and the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny.

This sorrowful story is told largely through the medium of bleak black-and-white photographs and reproductions of newspapers and historic documents.

We see a copy of a front page of *Der Sturmer*, the most vile anti-Semitic Nazi propaganda sheet; pages from a disgusting anti-Jewish children's book; the *New York Times'* coverage of Kristallnacht.

Further along, there's an 11-minute documentary on pre-war East European Jewish communities wiped out by the Nazis. Entitled *The World That Was*, it prepares you for the nightmare endured by the Jews of Poland under the jackboot of Nazism.

A powerful photograph of Jews being marched into the Lodz ghetto is followed by a series of affecting photographs by Heinz Jost, a German soldier who spent a fateful afternoon in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Yad Vashem highlights the role of the mobile killing squads, the so-called Einsatzgruppen. There are minutes from the infamous 1942 Wannsee Conference in Berlin, which sanctioned the systematic extermination of European Jewry. There is a rogues' gallery of collaborators, running the gamut from the Hlinka Guard in Slovakia to the Arrow Cross in Hungary.

A map of concentration camps, extending from Germany to Poland, gives a visitor a clearer understanding of the sheer enormity of the Holocaust. An aerial view of Auschwitz, photographed on June 22, 1944 by an Allied observation plane, shows a neat camp that could have been bombed to smithereens had anyone truly cared.

The fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising faced daunting odds because they had so few arms at their disposal. Some of their pistols and grenades are displayed.

Elsewhere in Poland, from Bialystock to Tarnow, Jewish fighters also fought back. A map explains the scope of the resistance and delineates Jewish partisan activity throughout Nazi-occupied Europe.

For students of Middle Eastern affairs, there is a May 1943 letter from the grand mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, to the foreign minister of Germany, Joachim von Ribbentrop, requesting German help to block Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The detritus of the Holocaust — shoes, gloves, eye glasses — are found in a simple glass case. In an adjacent corner are horrific scenes of corpses. As you move on, you come to the 1946 Nuremberg trials.

The memorial to the more than one million children who perished in this inferno, designed by Moshe Safdie, leaves a deep impression.

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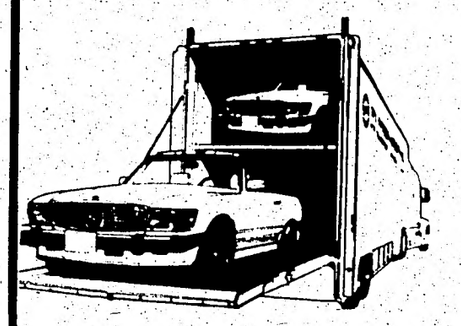
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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

SALT LAKE CITY — The vast salt plains, mirrory lake and austere brown mountains seem almost within reach as the American Airlines jet banks sharply in its final approach. On the ground, Salt Lake's physical isolation, and its situation as a city on a level plain between two mountain ranges, becomes even more apparent.

The Mormon pioneers who marched into this vale in 1847 with their handcarts and new-fangled Christianity did not have a smooth journey. But somehow — miraculously, they assert — the Mormons prevailed. As visitors quickly discover, their unique, born-in-America religious mythology has endured, even thrived, despite all hardships. Today, Mormonism pervades the character of the state of Utah and its clean, straightlaced capital just as Islam pervades Mecca. Temple Square, the 10-acre walled enclosure at the city's heart, contains the famous domed Tabernacle, several monuments and visitor centres, and the historic granite Temple with nine-foot walls at its base.

In a smaller and far less visible way, Salt Lake's Jewish community has also thrived since the first Jews arrived in the late 1850s. Today there may be as many as 3,500 Jews in the valley, although only about 600 families belong to Kol Ami, the congregation of the modern brown-brick synagogue near the foothills of the spectacular Wasatch Mountains. Nearby Ogden boasts a second synagogue but no rabbi. Jewish families also live in Park City, Utah's upscale, trendy version of Aspen.

"Our relations with the Mormons are very warm and cordial," says Rabbi Frederick Wenger, who has officiated over Kol Ami's intermittently Reform (Friday night) and Conservative (Saturday morning) congregation since arriving from Chicago in 1987. "There have been no major incidents of anti-Semitism here, and over the years some Jews have risen to positions of prominence: the state has had a Jewish governor and the city has had a Jewish mayor. Generally speaking, the Mormons don't seem to understand very much about Judaism, but there's a certain kind of empathy they have towards the Jews, based upon a common feeling of being a minority that has suffered for its religion."

Eva Bier, the young mother who is executive director of the Jewish Community Centre, says that many Jews first come here for the superlative skiing, return to investigate the valley in summer, then decide to stay. The area's high living standard, combined with a low cost of living, low crime rate and low unemployment are responsible for attracting and keeping companies like American Express, Novell and Word Perfect. Unlike many North American cities, Salt Lake's real estate market is not sluggish, and houses often sell within days, even hours, of being listed. "I know a lot of people who don't want to move here because they're afraid of being Jewish in a Mormon environment," says Bier. "But you'll probably find the least amount of anti-Semitism here."

Members of the Mormon Church of Latter Day Saints — who comprise about 70 per cent of the state population of 1.6 million people and about half of the 800,000 people in the greater city area — actually regard themselves as descendants of the biblical Joseph, most through Ephraim. "LDS church members and people of the Jewish faith have a great common heritage and deep familial ties," Thomas Deniels, a public relations official for the church, told me. "Divine revelation" is the only documentary source he offered for this startling and flattering piece of genealogy.

Bier notes that "The values of the Mormons in terms of families are not so different than Jewish family values. How we go about it is not the same, but we share the basic principles."

Not all pilgrims who come to Salt Lake City are the adherents or worshippers of the deep snow that accumulates on ski slopes each winter. Since church members put a fundamental importance on tracing ancestral roots, the LDS Family History Library here contains the world's most extensive collection of microfilmed birth, marriage, death and related records from more than 150 countries.

Salt Lake's importance as a genealogical centre is evident even at the airport, where strangers strike up conversation about the British census of 1891 at the baggage carousel. In the modern, multi-level Crossroads Plaza shopping mall, a white-haired lady discusses the last known whereabouts of her great-grandparents — "It's like they dropped off the face of the earth" — as though referring to genuine missing persons. Genealogical talk is overheard everywhere, in restaurants, on sidewalks, even in the private clubs where alcoholic drinks may be purchased without accompanying meals.

Last week, some 29 Jewish genealogists conducted research under the tutelage of veteran New York City-area Jewish genealogists Gary Mokotoff and Eileen Polakoff. For $360 U.S., participants got expert assistance plus seven nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the Howard Johnson's Hotel, whose incontestable advantage is that the LDS Library is just a few steps beyond its back door.

The Library, which has different geographical areas of research on different floors, is open-most days from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Incredibly, many tour participants are there practically around the clock: I know because I've seen them. "They're bouncing between the American and the international floors," says Mokotoff, who with Polakoff is already planning another tour for Nov. 1994. For genealogists especially, Salt Lake City sure is one heck of a fun town.

Travel project encourages young people to see Israel

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — This city is well-known as a test market for new products. Maybe it's the conservative nature of the population, or the relative isolation from other large centres. Whatever the reason, if it sells here, it can sell anywhere.

The CRB (Charles R. Bronfman) Foundation's Travel Israel pilot project has sold so well in Winnipeg that the foundation is now considering expanding the program to 12 other North American cities.

The goal of the pilot program, started three years ago with the support of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, is to encourage young Winnipeg Jews to visit Israel. Financial help is available.

The project stems from a CRB Foundation survey that found visiting Israel strengthened the bonds between young North American Jews and Israel.

At a public meeting on Oct. 26, four young Winnipeggers shared their experiences while project co-ordinator Roberta Malam discussed the program.

Last year, 101 young Winnipeg Jews between 15 and 24 visited Israel. They represented almost 10 per cent of their peers, and three times the North American average for young people travelling to Israel. The Travel Israel office helped two-thirds of them arrange their trips. Malam hopes even more will be going this year. She reports the number of calls are up from last year.

Archeological digs are open to tourists

Israel offers much more than sightseeing at ancient sites, relaxing at beautiful beaches or enjoying the fabulous nightlife. Israel gives each visitor the opportunity to unearth history.

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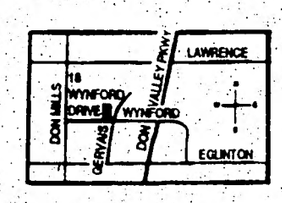

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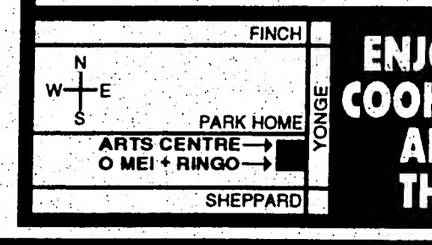

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This picture shows Dr. Edward L. Steinberg, and his wife Judy, inaugurating the Steinberg Economic and Business Library at Bar-Ilan University. Steinberg, who lives in Long Beach, New York, is the chair of the board of Slim-Fast International. A former faculty member of Columbia University, as well as a director of the Optometric Clinic at the Long Island Jewish Hospital, Steinberg has always been associated with many chariable endeavors including assistance to Bar-Ilan Russian and Ethiopian students through a program called Exodus Adopt-A-Student Program.

Top-notch Israeli-style security

By RACHEL ALKALLAY

MONTREAL — Top-notch, Israeli-style security is becoming a familiar sight in Montreal at functions that require trained personnel guards.

Symbolized by the Lion of Judah guarding the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Isra-Guard Security (IGS) is the brainchild of Ya'acov Haimovici and Isaac Bettan, two Israeli-born men with years of experience working at El Al security. They have applied this experience to the creation of the fast-growing security agency.

In the summer of 1990, the two friends decided to offer a security service that merged Haimovici's military training with both men's extensive security backgrounds.

Open for a couple of months, the company's first big business boost came at the time of the invasion of Kuwait and the Gulf War. Both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations realized the "soft underbelly of lax security" could make them an easy target for terrorists. But even Haimovici did not expect the huge increase in demand during the crisis: several synagogues called for security agents, and his company had to find and train 45 agents over a short period of time.

The company has provided security for Israeli President Chaim Herzog and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on recent visits to Canada, protected VIPs fearful of kidnapping and maintained safety for public events such as Yom Ha'atzmaut and the annual Israeli Street Festival.

For the Peres visit, Haimovici and his team went to Ottawa three weeks in advance. They reviewed the logistics of the locale, assured that rooms were "sterile" (free of any compromising devices) and developed security operations involving both undercover and visible guards.

Haimovici's six years of involvement with security for El Al and his vast contacts throughout the airline industry, proved in good stead when in an interesting twist of fate, Aeroflot, the national Russian airline, requested Isra-Guard's services in 1991. The airline needed a security problem at Mirabel Airport resolved quickly.

"With security, you don't know if you've done the job right until the plane has landed," he says.

Increasing terrorist threats to people and property, as in the recent bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York City, has companies scrambling for ways to enhance security. "Unfortunately, most people secure their offices only after an incident occurs," says Haimovici.

Isra-Guard provides a three-tiered level of service. The initial stage consists of a locale survey followed by an operational plan which identifies problematic areas. Implementation includes on-going supervision and preparation of an emergency system and provision of appropriate staff.

The chain of command at Isra-Guard is based on a military hierarchy — with captains, lieutenants and sergeants. All security agents are recruited through an expanding pool of personal referrals and screened carefully for personal background, military record and suitability for the work. "A strong gut feeling and excellent training are necessary components for a top-notch agent," says Haimovici. Both men and women staff Isra-Guard; all are veterans with Israeli, Canadian or American military backgrounds.

The company employs 120 full-time security agents and 40 part-time employees, with an average age of 30. Haimovici finds women to be excellent security agents "because they have intuitive feelings about people and situations which men need to be trained to recognize." Isra-Guard draws from its elite corps of recruits to provide security for VIP visits or executive protection.

A growing division of the company, which is also a licensed detective agency, is the sale of Israeli-made security devices and special services for eavesdropping counter-measures, executive protection, counter-terrorism and consultation.

Haimovici has created a data-base of his employees, based on their appearance, skills and background to be able to provide specific characteristics when required. "If a company needs an Italian-speaking security agent, age 30, with a South African passport, we'll be able to find him through our data base," he says.

Future plans for Isra-Guard include expansion into Ottawa, New York City and Miami.

Successful marketer targets entrepreneurs

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Jerry Goodis thrives on making things happen.

Goodis and his staff of creative writers and art directors are behind successful advertising campaigns like We Care About the Shape You're In; At Speedy You're a Somebody; Sketchley Knows You Love Your Clothes; Harvey's Makes Your Hamburger a Beautiful Thing; and For Barefoot Comfort Put Yourself in Our Shoes.

Jerry Goodis

It's the story of a boy from Toronto who grew up poor during the Depression, got involved in the labor movement, and rose to the top of the Canadian marketing world. He tells it himself in his second book, *Goodis: Shaking the Canadian Advertising Tree* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd.).

It's all there: the successes and failures, the events he is proud of and the moments when he admits "I've been truly ashamed of my behavior."

With his first book, *Have I ever Lied To You Before?* Goodis had a profound influence on setting the agenda for a uniquely Canadian approach to marketing.

Shortly after graduating in art from Central Technical Collegiate in 1949, Goodis teamed up with Sam Goldberg and Albert Soren to form the ad agency Goodis, Goldberg, Soren. He attributes his success to knowing what his clients want and communicating this to creative people.

"I knew instinctively whether an ad would accomplish what we wanted or not," he writes. "I wasn't right all the time. Far from it. But I was right often enough."

In a chapter on future trends in the advertising business titled, "To Hell With Getting Better, Let's Get Bigger," Goodis describes the "merger mania" of the last two decades. He says it doesn't bode well for marketers.

"On the business side, it means more and more accounts in fewer and fewer hands, with global campaigns being churned out irrespective of where they will be read, heard, or seen," he writes. "It won't be Big Brother Is Watching You, but Big Brother Is Selling You. For the profession, it means less and less individuality, greater bureaucracy, even possibly censorship of ideas."

He has teamed up with self-employment guru Keven Hood, founder of the Association of Independent Consultants, for one-day marketing seminars for entrepreneurs.

The all-day seminar will take place Nov. 26 at the Self Management Centre, 155 Rexdale Blvd., Suite 304 in Etobicoke. The fee is $129 which includes all materials and a copy of *Goodis: Shaking the Canadian Advertising Tree.*

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Bio-organic agriculture boon to Israeli farmers

By SIMON GRIVER

Israeli farmers are increasingly switching to bio-organic agriculture to produce healthier products that fetch premium prices.

In 1992, Israeli farmers exported 6,200 tons of organically grown fresh fruit and vegetables for more than $5.5 million. This figure includes 1,200 tons of citrus fruit, mainly oranges and grapefruit; 3,900 tons of vegetable, principally carrots, tomates, potatoes, celery and broccoli; and 1,100 tons of fruit, especially avocados and bananas. The produce was marketed by the Israeli company Agrexco under the brand name Carmel Bio-Top.

According to Tali Ziv Lahav of Agrexco's marketing department, most of the produce is purchased in Germany, France, Britain and Scandinavia.

"Bio-Top is most popular where green awareness is at its highest," Lahav said. "For this reason the American market has also begun to buy our organically grown products, especially winter-grown tomatoes and carrots."

Organic farming was introduced into Israel in 1983 by Mario Levy, from Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu in the Jordan Valley. He founded the Israel Bio-Organic Agricultural Association (IBOAA), which today has 200 members, mainly kibbutz collectives and moshav co-operative settlements. The IBOAA makes regular field inspections and enforces international standards for export to the European Economic Community.

Under these regulations fields must be left fallow for three years before they can be used for organic crops. Presticides and herbicides are strictly prohibited, and neighboring fields that use such substances must be at least 30 meters distant, or a minimum of 250 meters away if the crops are sprayed by aircraft.

TIPS FROM PROS

By RENA MALKAH

Many people are unaware that when someone qualifies for a bank mortgage, they can get lower interest rates through a mortgage broker. Not only will the rate be better, but in some cases the brokerage fee is waived.

The only type of brokerage fee a mortgage broker can forego is for a qualified residential first mortgage. This is because the financial institutions pay the brokers a fee for finding and underwriting mortgage applications.

But if borrowers do not qualify, the broker charges you a finder's fee. Fees vary from 0.5 percent to two percent of the loan amount, depending on the difficulty and complexity of the situation. In this situation, the interest rate will be slightly higher (0.5 percent to 1 percent) than the prime residential mortgage rates posted by banks, but at least the borrower can obtain the needed funds.

Generally, 30 percent of the family's gross income may be used to pay for principal, interest and property taxes (PIT).

Up to 40 percent of gross family income may be used to pay PIT plus any other monthly payments such as lines of credit, car loan, credit cards, etc.

Unless the borrower has the income to meet this criteria, he or she would not qualify. Some lenders may be more flexible regarding these ratios and the knowledgeable mortgage broker knows each lenders' policies.

There are varying degrees of slow or bad credit, from occasionally late payments, habitually late payments to no payments made at all, resulting in writeoffs by lenders or judgments against the borrower. The worse the credit is, the more difficult it is to arrange the mortgage. A well-connected mortgage broker will have sophisticated private lenders willing to take on special credit risks.

Sometimes there is a good explanation, such as a temporary illness, loss of job, death in the family, accident or divorce. If the amounts in question were small, were subsequently paid, happened some time ago and the credit has been good since, lenders may still approve the mortgage. Your mortgage broker should know which institutions will accept such explanations.

Usually to qualify, a self-employed borrower must supply their business financial statements for the past two to three years.

If the business has been in operation less than one year, there might not even be a financial statement prepared yet. Or if the business has only operated a couple of years, the statements might not show profitability due to start-up costs. Again, an equity lending company or private lender may be of assistance.

Some lenders do not know how to read financial statements. Self-employed people often deduct numerous expenses such as their automobile, travel and entertainment expenses as well as depreciation in order to reduce the amount of taxable income. To arrive at gross personal income, the experienced mortgage broker will add back the above mentioned expenses to the profits, managements salaries and dividends, thereby possibly qualifying the application for certain financial institutions.

Mortgage lenders want to see a two- to three-year track record of consistent commission income levels. Some lenders prefer not to lend to commissioned sales people since their income may be unpredictable. Your mortgage broker should know which institutional lenders will accept such borrowers and also have private mortgage funds available for such cases.

Mortgage maturity

This means the existing mortgage lender is in a position to sell the borrower's home unless the mortgage is brought into good standing or paid off.

Possibly, the borrower does not have the ability to make mortgage payments, but there is a good equity in the property value. The mortgage broker can arrange a larger mortgage amount to pay off the existing mortgage plus cover mortgage payments for a period of time. This gives the borrower an opportunity to sell their home themselves. There are few sophisticated lenders for this type of situation.

Sometimes there has been no default on the mortgage payments but the mortgage maturity date is overdue and the existing mortgage lender does not wish to renew. Some institutions will accept such applications with an explanation. A successful mortgage broker will know where to apply saving you enormous time and effort.

The number of bankruptcies over the past few years has increased. Once a borrower has been discharged from bankruptcy, many lenders will still not lend to him. You need an informed mortgage broker familiar with each lender's rules.

If the type of work the borrower does is seasonal such as construction, or the industry in which he is employed is suffering from layoffs, or the borrower has only been at his employment for a few months, the lender may decline the mortgage application. You can depend on a good mortgage broker to solve this problem.

Due to the drop in real estate values some borrowers have difficulty refinancing their mortgages. Solutions to this problem are too complicated to explain in the space allowed and may be the subject of a future article.

Financial institutions can only lend up to 75 percent of value on second mortgages. Some lenders do not do second mortgages at all. Mortgage brokers have access to second mortgage lenders who go up to 85 percent or 90 percent of value.

Because of changes in the Landlord and Tenant Act some lenders do not lend on residential rental properties.

When the rental income is sufficient to carry the operating expenses of the property and mortgage payments some lenders will provide financing.

Some lenders will not finance certain types of properties such as insul brick, urea-formaldehyde insulation, under 800-sq. ft. in size, illegal basement apartments or condominium apartments. Again the services of a qualified mortgage broker can assist you in finding a lender for a difficult type of property.

In summary, whether you are a qualified borrower or have a difficult mortgage situation, call a mortgage broker for advice. There is no charge for an analysis of your situation and quotation of the rates and terms available.

Rena Malkah is president of C.Y.R. Mortgage and Investment Corporation.

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Shopping centres join to promote literacy program

"Approximately 5 million adult Canadians cannot read, write or use numbers well enough to meet the literacy demands of everyday life. Of this number over one million can barely read and write at all. Seventy per cent of those surveyed were born in Canada." (Southam Report, 1987 — Frontier College)

"People who have trouble reading tend to have non-reading children." (Creative Research Group, 1989)

TORONTO — Three of Toronto's major shopping centres, Bramalea City Centre, Scarborough Town Centre and Yorkdale Shopping Centre, have joined forces this holiday season to make a difference — to give the gift of reading to children locally and nationally - and to teach children safety tips about what to do if they become separated from their parents in a mall.

The three shopping centres have commissioned an original children's book especially for this literacy promotion. The 24-page color picture book, titled *Anna Takes Charge*, is the work of well-known children's author Ted Staunton and award-winning Canadian illustrator Michael Martchenko. The book is geared to children three to seven years of age.

The story relates the fun escapades of Anna and her little brother at the mall on "Kid's Day." Inherent in the storyline are several important messages about kids' safety in the mall. The back of the book features a "key" outlining how to best read the book with youngsters in order to initiate discussions about safety; for example, "What signs can help keep us safe?"; "What people can keep us safe?"

Anna Takes Charge will be available at special kiosks throughout the malls and at Coles — The Book People and Smithbooks in all three centres. The book will sell for $4.95, or $7.95 for the book and accompanying audiotape version (recorded by author and children's performer Ted Staunton).

All monies from the sale of the book and accompanying audiotape will benefit Read Canada, a program of Frontier College. The three centres expect to raise over $50,000 by the end of the holiday.

Second Cup gets foothold in U.S.

TORONTO — Canadians love their coffee. In fact, the average Canadian adult drinks more than 700 cups of coffee each year, and Canada has earned a position among the top 10 importers of coffee in the world.

While total coffee consumption in Canada is declining slightly, the popularity of specialty coffee is burgeoning. At home, Canadians are grinding their own freshly roasted specialty beans and raising the profile of a cup of coffee to new heights of sensual enjoyment.

Second Cup is Canada's largest specialty coffee retailer. The company, which began with a single mall outlet in Toronto in 1975, now comprises 183 franchised and company-owned stores with sales now exceeding $50 million. In March 1993, Second Cup became a publicly listed company on The Toronto Stock Exchange. And in September 1993, it expanded into the United States by signing an agreement to acquire The Coffee Plantation — a unique U.S. based chain of one-stop retail specialty coffee superstores.

"We've witnessed a tremendous growth in our business because Canadians are thirsty for great coffee and for information on how to enjoy it to its fullest," said Second Cup Coffee Co. president Alton McEwan.

Second Cup's obsessive high standards gives it the edge in specialty coffee retailing. Every store owner-operator and corporate store manager receives intensive training at Coffee College. More than 95 percent of Second Cup stores from coast-to-coast are owner-operated; each and every individual involved in the organization shares a passion for the ultimate in coffee enjoyment.

Second Cup buyers search the world for unique and superior quality coffee beans, at coffee farms in Costa Rica or Guatemala.

The result is an extensive variety of more than 40 coffees, including a number of exclusive blends and estate coffees, which set Second Cup apart from other Canadian coffee retailers.

Among the unique offerings are their best-selling signature coffees Royal Blend and Emperor's Blend. Estate coffees, such as La Minita from Costa Rica, are exclusive to Second Cup and regarded by many coffee connoisseurs as the finest coffee in the world.

Second Cup has developed a precise system to ensure the best handling of its coffee beans from the plantation to the coffee shop. Only 200 to 500 pounds of coffee beans are roasted at a time for an even, accurate roast.

Freshness is ensured through a one-way valve packaging system that seals in freshness right out of the roaster. Its decaffeinated coffees are prepared through the all-natural Swiss Water or natural carbon dioxide process. All Second Cup coffees are tasted at least six times by expert coffee testers.

Customers seem drawn to Second Cup's focus on freshness, quality, selection and service. Net earnings for the 12-week period ending Sept. 18 were $128,000, or two cents per share, an increase over the same period last year, which totalled $113,000.

"The results of our first quarter are traditionally lower than the other quarters and are not necessarily an indicator of full year performance," says Michael Bregman, chair and CEO of The Second Cup Ltd. "We are pleased with the performance Second Cup has achieved so far this year, in view of the unseasonably hot weather experienced in Ontario where the majority of stores are located."

Recently, the company has made several notable strategic moves. In September 1993, the company became the exclusive Canadian distributor for a new line of award-winning specialty teas from California called The Republic Of Tea.

YOUR FINANCES

By CHARLOTTE HABER

If you are a typical Snowbird, you spend time in the southern United States between October and April of most years. This may make you liable for reporting to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Substantial penalties have been introduced by the U.S. tax authorities for not reporting your "substantial presence," even if you are not otherwise taxable in that country.

Filing a reporting form began in 1992, and the deadline for 1993 is June 15, 1994. There are different categories, depending on how much time you spent in the U.S. in the last few years.

Filing a form generally confirms to the IRS that you are exempt from U.S. tax on all but certain types of U.S. source income.

183-day category

For example, if you spent at least 183 days in the U.S. in 1993, and you qualify as a Canadian resident under our treaty with the U.S., you are viewed by the U.S. as being a dual resident. You must then file a U.S. tax return and a special exemption form.

122-day category (or less)

On the other hand, if you spent more than 122 days in the States in each of 1993, 1992 and 1991 (but not more than 182 days in any one year), you may fall into another reporting category. No tax return is required, but the IRS wants you to file a special "closer connection" statement by June 15, 1994. The IRS has just recently regulated form #8840 for such filing. This statement requires no income disclosure but is unavailable to green card holders or to those who have made application to obtain a green card.

You may fall into this category even if you spent only 31 days in the U.S. in 1993.

The formula to determine substantial presence counts all full and partial days in 1993 over 31, plus one-third of 1992 days plus one-sixth of 1991 days. If this total is at least 183 days, you are expected to file the closer connection statement. If not, you have no reporting requirements for 1993.

Students, researchers, teachers

A third category of reporting is available for foreign students and teachers who are present in the U.S. on F or J non-immigrant visas.

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(Charlotte Haber is a tax partner in the firm of Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby.)

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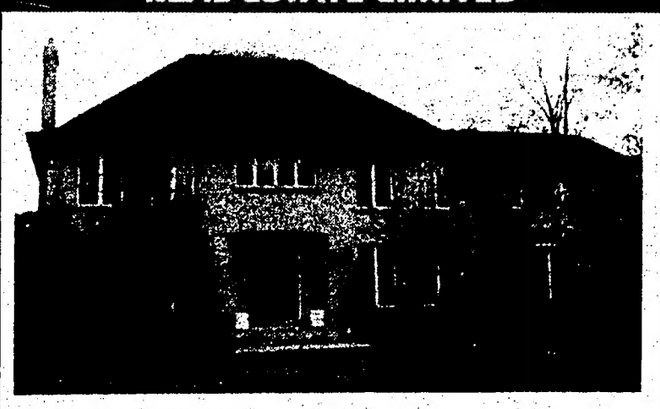

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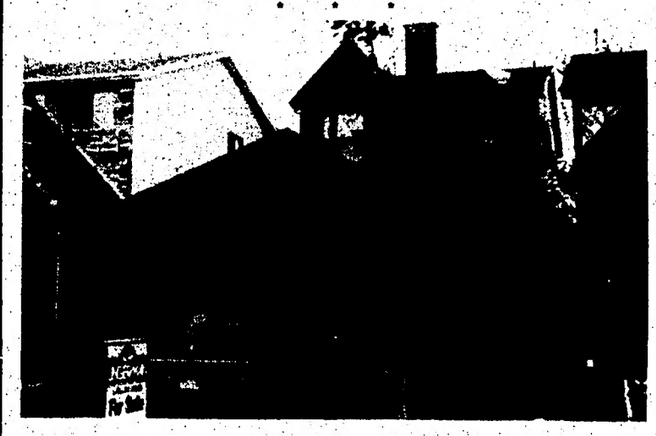

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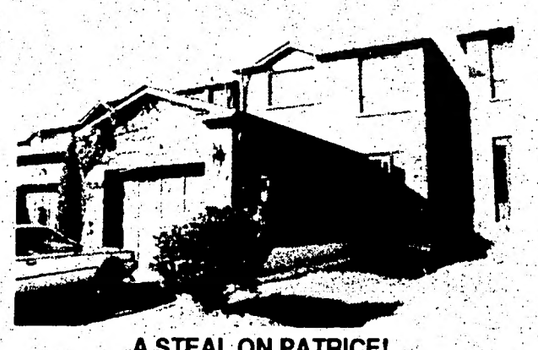

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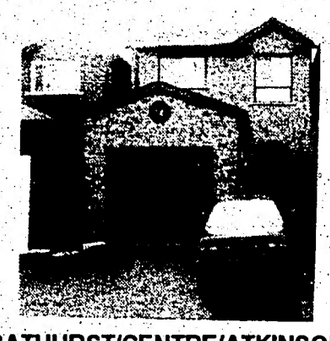

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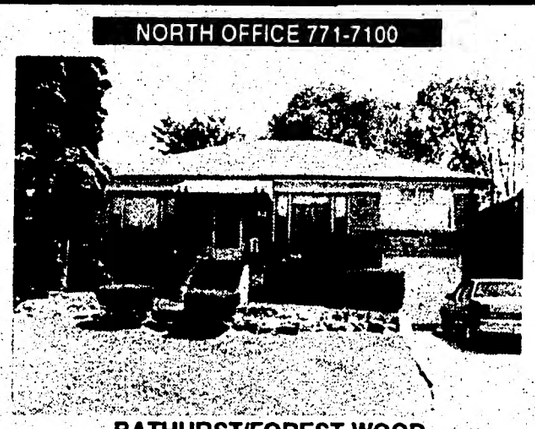

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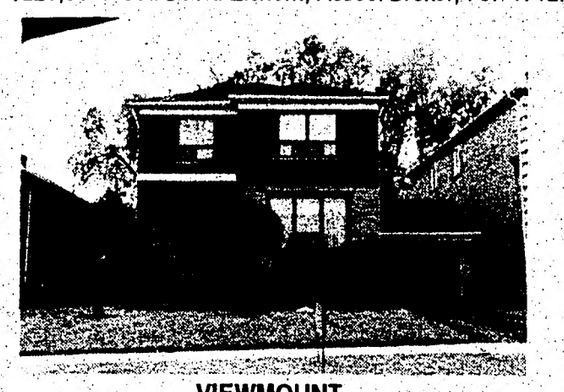

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Speedwalker Gould just keeps on going

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Max Gould was a spry lad of 10, he was already beginning to show signs of the energetic, perpetual-motion machine he was to become later in life.

On the family's cross-ocean voyage to Canada from their home in Poland, Gould couldn't be found on board the trans-Atlantic steamer.

"I was a skinny little guy, but rambunctious," Gould recalls. "No one could control me, they couldn't find me. I was down in the engine room being mischievous."

Gould's high energy, non-stop metabolism hasn't slowed down much since then, even though he turned 76 not long ago. But as if to show he knows where to drink from the fountain of youth, the septuagenarian recently racked up a silver medal in the 5,000-metre speedwalk race at the World Veterans Athletic Championships in Miyazaki, Japan. He finished a mere two seconds behind the gold medalist.

This time around, the silver may have been something of a disappointment for Gould, as the Toronto resident has captured eight gold medals in the last 10 biennial championships.

Gould says the 30 degree heat combined with feeling a little under the weather conspired to deny him first place. But he's already set his sights on reclaiming the gold at the next championship in two years when it will be held in nearby Buffalo. He's already begun making inquiries about hotels that are near the race site.

Gould's drive is something that hasn't left him since his youth. At age 14, a few years after the family's arrival in Toronto, he signed up for the basketball team at the Nathaniel Institute, run, as he recalls it, by the Church of England. Lots of Jewish boys participated on the team and in the institute's summer camp since it charged only $2.50 for three weeks — a bargain in the Depression years, he says.

"We got a free breakfast, we had to sing hymns and we played basketball for them," he recalls.

That experience was as close as Gould wanted to get to the church and after that, his next big sporting interest was bicycle racing. He was a medal winner at a competition staged at Exhibition Stadium on a half-mile dirt track.

'Barbell man'

He later joined the Brunswick Avenue YMHA and his focus turned to boxing, but he quickly lost interest in that sport when in the heat of the moment, his coach KOed him (the coach was subsequently fired) and Gould decided to become "a barbell man" instead, winning an Ontario championship as a 165-pounder.

During the war years, he served as a physical instructor in the air force. After five years in the military followed by a stint as a designer of leather goods, he began a 42-year career in real estate as a broker and developer.

His interest in speedwalking didn't take hold until 1965 when, with only six months training, he made the Canadian Maccabiah team and finished fifth in his first competition, the 3,000-metres. He represented Canada twice more in 1969 and '73, snagging a bronze in '69.

As a 47-year-old, he began a six-year stint on the Canadian national team. "This wasn't the Master's team" he points out, even though he was eligible for it once he turned 40, but it included the country's best walkers, regardless of age.

In those days, Gould recalls, he was a dynamo who maintained a gruelling workout routine that included handbalancing (walking on his hands), gymnastics work on the rings and doing abdominal, sit-up exercises off a pommel horse with 45-lb. weights on his chest.

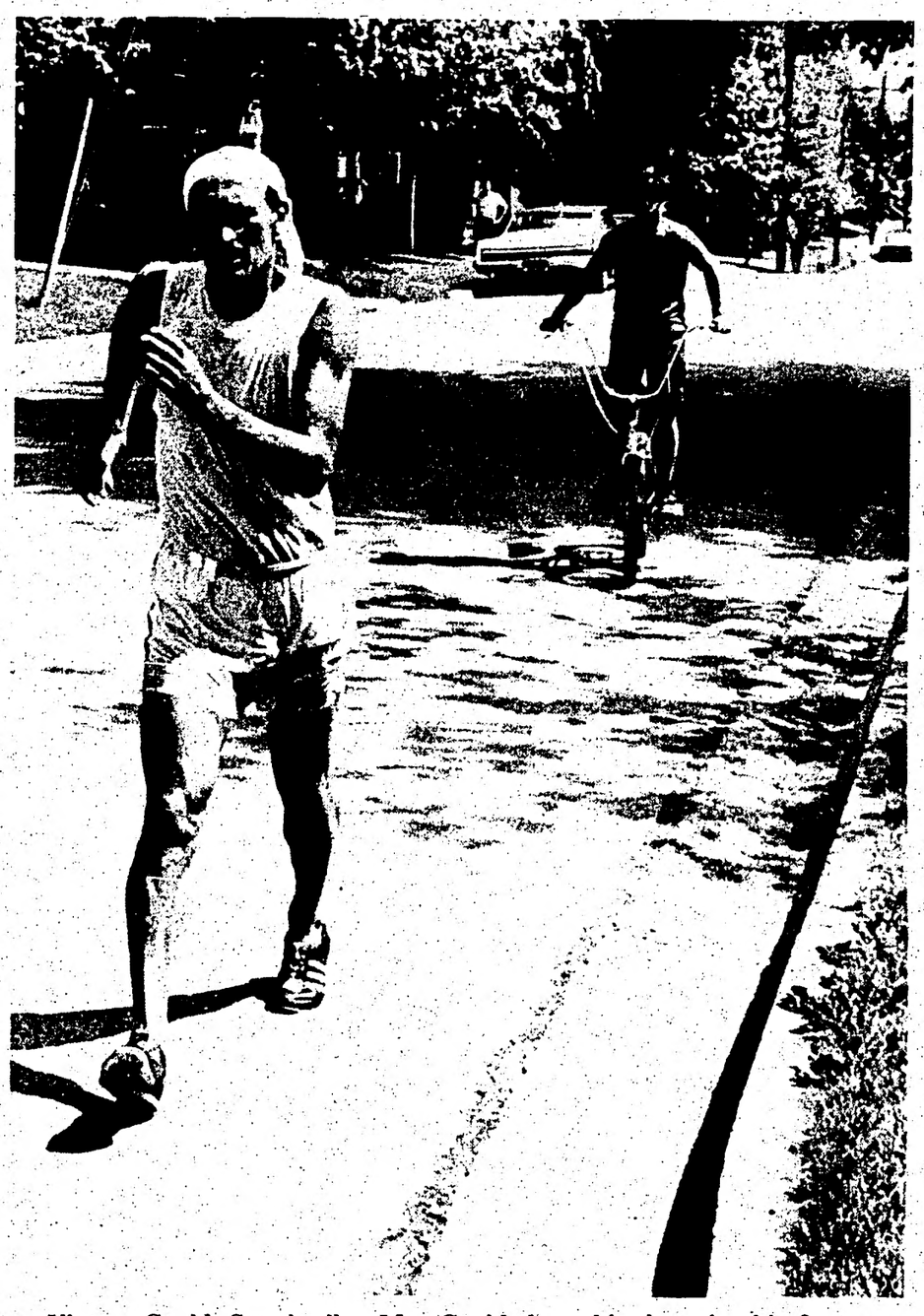
"I was looking for fights, I felt so strong," he said. "I had so much energy, I didn't know what to do with it."

In 1975, at 57, 17 years after he was eligible, he entered his first Master's world championship. Gould won two golds in the 20-km and 5-km races.

It was the start of seven consecutive world championships, "mostly in the 20 km walk and a few in the 5 km walk," he said. Throw in a silver and a bronze and one fourth place finish in Turku, Finland, and you've got a remarkable athletic achievment by any measure.

How does he keep doing it, year after year? "I'm very tough on myself," he says. "I stretch for one hour every morning, rain or shine, and walk four times a week." He intersperses that with weight training and once a week, he really racks up the miles. In the old days, it was a 28-mile Sunday jaunt in Wilket Creek Park but in the last five years, he's cut it down to a mere 16 miles.

Gould says he's lucky his wife Sylvia has been so accommodating to his penchant for time-consuming exercises.



Vintage Gould. Speedwalker Max Gould shows his championship form.

Foundation researches Jewish monuments

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — To Sam Gruber, it's the "ultimate desecration."

During the war, Nazis removed tombstones from a Jewish cemetery in Poland and used them to build a retaining wall around a pigsty.

"A local farmer told us about it," said the director of the New York-based World Monuments Foundation during a slide show at the November meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada. "He said he was doing his best to protect the stones." In several localities, the floors of regional Gestapo headquarters were paved with Jewish tombstones, Gruber said. Because some Jewish tombstones in Bohemia were made of valuable black marble, many were stolen for use in new construction or to be illegally recut by stonemasons into new gravestones.

Since it was established five years ago, the World Monuments Foundation has sought to collect information on the existence and condition of Jewish sites and monuments throughout Central and Eastern Europe and republics of the former Soviet Union. "We've been overwhelmed with information" since the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Gruber said.

So far, the organization has enumerated some 1,100 cemeteries and 300 synagogues in Poland; some 400 cemeteries and 600 synagogues in the former Czechoslovakia; and more than 1,000 cemeteries and 150 synagogues in Hungary. Most are in poor condition. Gruber estimated that of the 1,100 cemetery sites identified in Poland, only 400 still have stones and only 150 are fenced and might still be in good condition.

"We're looking at rescuing what remains," he said, referring to the thousands of cemeteries, synagogues and other Jewish buildings that have been largely neglected, and sometimes further desecrated, since the Holocaust.

Speaking at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Gruber showed slides of the neglected remains of buildings in the Jewish quarters of several towns where Jews once lived. Included were many old synagogues, some in good condition, others just collapsed ruins with grass growing inside. "We're proposing that some of these be preserved as ruins, like Greek or Roman ruins," he said. "In a way, they might make a more powerful statement as memorials that way."

Many of Gruber's slides showed cemeteries in poor condition; one, taken in southern Poland, showed a grassy field with some trees but no grave-markers in evidence. "There are stones all through this field. They're sunken into the earth. As you walk you can feel them beneath your feet."

"Stones can be buried for a century and nothing happens to them," he continued. "But if they're near a city like Krakov, as soon as they're exposed to the polluted air, they begin to deteriorate. It's noticeable within five years."

Although the Foundation has focused much attention on Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, its staff is attempting to learn about Jewish sites in East Germany, Romania and — most difficult of all — former Soviet republics like Ukraine and Belarus.

"It's hard to look beyond the death camps to the thousand years of history that led up to this destruction," said Gruber, who spoke as part of 13th annual Holocaust Education Week. "What we're trying to do is to find what's left of that life so we don't just think of the destruction, but of the rich heritage that was lost to us at that time."

Also present at the lecture was Pnina Spetgang, director of the Toronto Holocaust Remembrance Centre.

Adoption an emotional decision

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The decision to adopt a child often follows years of frustration, disappointment and emotional turmoil, with many different emotional stages to go through before you are ready to adopt, a counsellor told a well-attended recent panel discussion at the JCC on Adoption — My Option?

Jan Silverman, coordinator in/fertility at Toronto's Women's College Hospital and the mother of two adopted children now in their early teens, was candid in her description of her personal journey through these stages.

First, there's surprise, she said. Then comes denial, followed by defense mechanisms, isolation, anger and the projection of anger on to others, helplessness, guilt, depression, grief and finally, "the loss of your dream of having children."

But what you are going through is normal. "To put your life together again," Silverman advised counselling and seeking out support groups.

Once the decision to adopt is reached, the next step is the home study, an assessment of the applicant's suitability by a licensed social worker, required by the Ministry of Community and Social Services for all adoptions.

Meanwhile, you can begin the search for a child, either through a private agency or a social worker who is also in touch with birth parents, which may mean "years of waiting," Silverman warned, or by locating a birth-mother on your own.

She dismissed the Children's Aid Society as no longer an option because today, she pointed out, "they only have hard to place" children.

Instead, "networking is best." She suggested advertising in local papers and telling family, friends, neighbors, your rabbi and members of your congregation that you're looking for a child.

"Networking like crazy" was also Yael Greenberg-Livingston's recommendation, although, she confessed, "I never envisioned myself as adopting locally."

When the stories of Romanian babies broke, Israel-born Greenberg-Livingston immediately knew "that this is for me."

With the help of a Romanian facilitator, she and her husband Alan adopted Mira, now aged two-and-one-half, at three weeks. They flew to Romania to pick her up, then went to Israel, "where we had her named."

13 months ago, Greenberg-Livingston gave birth to Tamar.

Brenda and David Pinkus originally hoped for "two children under three" from Romania, but "didn't hesitate when their agent, Angela Galsco, a Jewish immigrant from Romania now living in Welland, found three healthy children, brothers and a sister, aged one, two and three-and-a-half, in Moscow.

Like Greenberg-Livingston, Pinkus spoke of the "emotional roller coaster" of the adoption process. "But long and frustrating as it is, it does have a happy end," she said.

Much of the frustration is due to bureaucratic delays and "it is very important," stressed Pinkus, "that you make it firm to your social worker and government agencies that this is very important to you."

Because of the limited availability of babies, Pinkus, who chaired the meeting, advised couples not to "just look for a cuddly little baby," but to consider an older child.

Citing her own experience with the eldest boy, who at first was "not as warm to us as we had hoped" but is now "the most loving, sensitive, well-adjusted five-year-old that anybody could hope for," she noted that "older children need a home just as infants do, if not more.

Originally from South Africa and still citizens of that country, Rikki and Kevin Jacobson adopted a baby girl in South Africa because that happened to be the first available child.

In their case, the process involved a two-month stay in South Africa for Rikki and three weeks for her husband. Theirs, too was "an on and off situation," adding to the stress of being away from home over a lengthy period, the considerable expense involved, which included the birth mother's hospital stay, and finally for Rikki, the 24 hour flight home alone with an infant.

The Jewish perspective on adoption was provided by Rabbi Steven Cohen of Kehillat Shaarei Torah in Willowdale, who opened the discussion with the suggestion that because of the biblical injunction "to be fruitful and multiply," there may be an even greater interest in adoption in the Jewish community than among non-Jews.

Raising a child of another family is regarded as equal to having given birth to that child, said Cohen.

Finding a Jewish child "is virtually impossible" but there is no objection, Cohen said, to adopting a non-Jewish baby and raising it as a Jew.

But raising a baby as a Jew is not sufficient and there must be a proper conversion with circumcision for boys, immersion in the mikvah for both boys and girls, and finally, "acceptance of Judaism without reservation."

Information on international adoptions can be obtained from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Operational Coordination Branch, Adoption Unit, Adoption Services, 2 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1E9; telephone 416-327-4739.

Information is also available from the Adoption Council of Ontario, 416-482-0021.

Support for Parents Adopting & Raising World Kids (SPARK) is a support group located at Knotty Pine Trail, Thornhill, Ont., L3T 3W5, and adoption agent Angela Galsco can be reached at 905-732-1643.

Brenda Pinkus, 905-648-9836, is the contact person for the Hamilton-Burlington area and "a continuous resource file on adoption" will be available at the Hamilton-Wentworth JCC, 1030 Lower Lions Club Road, Ancaster, Ont., L9G 3N6; 905-648-0605. From Burlington, call 905-528-8577.

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